

The Catholic Community of

Saint Joseph

Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish: Sunday – 1:30 p.m. Holy Days: Check inside of bulletin.
Weekdays: Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15 a.m.
Confessions: By Appointment Only

“In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people.”

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

- ◆ **PARISH STAFF:** Rev. James Hatfield, *Pastor*; Deacon Ronald Fondriest, *Retired*; Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer, *Pastoral Associate*; Ms. Cindy Teynor, *Director of Religious Education*; Mrs. Kateri Renicker, *Religious Education Secretary*; Ms. Mary Maresch, *Youth Ministry*; Mr. Matthew Nadalin, *Director of Music Ministry*; Mrs. Jodi Lindberg, *Bookkeeper*; Ms. Diane Lemmermann, *Coordinator of Family Life Center*; Mr. Russ Clay, *Church and Cemetery Maintenance*; and Mr. Neal Kwasnicka, *Custodian*.
- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Brian Bauer, Mr. Chris Chaney, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mr. Jack Dooling, Mr. Dennis Gonano, Mr. Jan-Michael LaBrake, Mrs. Brenda Pope, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Joe Sciarretti.
- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Parish Office:
330-364-6661

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Emergency Line:**
330-364-6662

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330-602-7488

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330-364-6661

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330-432-0811

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330-343-9134

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St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10 and 11, 2021
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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 12

No Mass

Readings: 389: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 13

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Polly Whereley

Readings: 390: Ex 2: 1-15a/Ps 69/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 14

8:15 a.m. Franco and Ebe Gastaldo

Readings: 391: Ex 2:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 15

8:15 a.m. Catherine and Mario Corsi

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 392: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 16

8:15 a.m. Tom Sarago

Readings: 393: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17

The Vigil of Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. John Paul DeBois

Sunday, July 18

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Sue Rees

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. Isidro Robles (Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 107: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34

Offertory for July 3 and 4, 2021

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,034.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,785.00
Online Giving	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 10,319.00
Contributions needed each week	\$ 12,192.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 240.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 70.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 70.00
Other Collections	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph
Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.**

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, July 13 - 6:00 p.m. - Mary Salvo

Wednesday, June 14 - 8:15 a.m. - Jack Burnham

Thursday, July 15 - 8:15 a.m. - Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, July 16 - 8:15 a.m. - Mike Finley

July 17 and 18, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mark Clemence

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Cecil, Lyle Tope,
Michelle Tope

Ushers: Steve DeBois, Kateri Renicker, Roy Montan

Servers: Charlie Montan and Flynn Renicker

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Nancy Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: Lou Settimo, Andrea Settimo,
Jeannine Kennedy

Ushers: Matt Ritzert, Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney,
John Karl, Ronnie Saffell, Max Burnham

Servers: John Chaney and Jessica Selinsky

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jim Elco

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,
Mary Elco

Ushers: George Kail, Mike Ernest, Patti DeVault

Servers: John Nguyen and Angel Gonzalez

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions. Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.



When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org.

Spiritual Notes:

The prophet Amos is the first classical prophet we encounter in the Bible. A citizen of the southern kingdom of Judah, he prophesies in the northern kingdom of Israel. Delivering a message of judgment and doom, he is rejected by "Amaziah, priest of Bethel," a shrine in the north. Amaziah says to Amos, "Off with you... flee to the land of Judah! ...never again prophesy in Bethel." But the prophet states that he is only doing the will of the Lord, "who took me from following the flock" and sent him to prophesy to "my people Israel." Amos speaks not his own words, but the words of the Lord. The letter to the Ephesians is generally attributed to a disciple of Paul, writing after the apostle's death. Our author, writing in Paul's name, reminds the church in Ephesus that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing" and that "we have redemption by his blood." This is the plan of God, a plan intended to bring us "redemption as God's possession." Over the next few weeks' readings, the letter will elaborate on how God's plan is realized. Discipleship is not just about learning; it is also about doing. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out His disciples "two by two." Their task mirrors His mission - they are sent to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. Like the prophets of old, they will encounter a mixed reception; some will welcome them; others will reject them. The experience of the first disciples mirrors the experience of the ministers of the word in Mark's day as well. God's Word always encounters a mixed reception.

For reflection: What is my response to God's Word when I find it challenging? Does the fact that the prophets and apostles sometimes met rejection help me in my faith journey?

The flowers in front of the Holy Family are in joyful celebration of the wedding of Joseph Dillon and Josie Finnell. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon! May God bless you and your marriage.

St. Joseph Seniors

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Family Life Center - Beginning at Noon

For more information, please call Sue Schwartz.

Real Presence, Real Future Reflections:

The Heart of Christian Vocation

In this week's Gospel, the apostles are chosen to participate in the salvific mission of Christ. They were given authority to preach and heal in His name across the land, to invite others to accept and believe in the Gospel. Our Christian vocation calls us into a contemplative life in Christ and living the teachings of the Gospel by our words and deeds. We are united in the Mystical Body of Christ through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As each day passes, let us continue to strive to live a life of holiness and continue the mission of Christ, to be missionary disciples.

St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 16 and 17, 2021



Raffle Tickets are available in the Vestibule!!
Or you may pick them up in the Parish Office

Entertainment

Friday

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Tequila Mary

8:00 to 11:00 p.m. - Badstone

Saturday

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Larry Notz

8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. - Moonlyterz

Help Needed

If you are interested in volunteering for the Festival this year, please contact Joe and Sarah Sciarretti.

Festival Set-up

Wednesday, July 14th

Beginning after Noon through the evening.

Festival Tear-down

Sunday, July 18th - 1:00 p.m.

L.C.B.A. and the St. Joseph Crafty Ladies are accepting donations for the Fancy Booth at the Festival. Please bring your handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry or other creations to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

Festival Sponsors

If you and/or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors for our Parish Festival, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Festival, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Where you would like to work: _____

Available day and times: _____

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

We are currently passing out takeout meals
for all those in need.

July 14, 2021 - Team Q (Kent Swarney)

Beginning on July 21st, our soup kitchen
will once again be "eat in."

July 21, 2021 - Team A (Mike Comg)

July 28, 2021 - Team B (Sue Capozella)

August 4, 2021 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.
Thank you for your support!

Mini Food Pantry

Our mini food pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, is a huge success! We have been able to provide foods for many people in need. If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church. The items most in need are:

Canned meats	Canned chicken
Beef stew	and dumplings
Rice	Dry black beans
Canned ravioli/pasta	Small travel-sized personal toiletries

Tuscarawas County Dress-A-Child, 2021

We all know the challenges we faced in 2020. The Dress-A-Child program had to adapt as well. They are proud to announce that the program was still able to provide vouchers in 2020 for 766 students in need. They have partnered with Blessings in a Backpack and the Tuff Backpack programs for direct contact with some schools as well as other programs.

Dress-A-Child serves students in grades K to 12 whose families meet the federal poverty guideline and attend school in Tuscarawas County. 100% of all funds raised go to clothing vouchers. If you would like to make a donation, you may do so by putting it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Dress A Child" or by mailing it directly to either 4447 Swonger Road, NW Dover, Ohio 44622 or 2406 St. Route 39, NW Dover, Ohio 44622. We thank you for your continued support!

Parish School of Religion

Registrations for next year's P.S.R. classes will be emailed to all who registered last year. If you have any questions or concerns, or are a new family to our program and need registrations forms, please call the Parish Office.



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"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts."

Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

Learn how you can share your gifts time, talent, and treasure to support your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org

Other Information To Note:



Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Low-Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Stand up and be counted!

Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number? Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule; simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week, or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

St. Joseph Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.



Online Giving. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit www.stjosephdover.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

July 2021

Social friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

“In all your deeds and words you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others. He is perfect, and thus you will be not only irreprehensible, but praiseworthy.” +SAINT BONAVENTURE

Monday, July 12 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1 Jesus said to his Apostles: “Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s enemies will be those of his household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple– amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve disciples, he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.

Meditation: Why does Jesus describe his mission and the coming of God’s kingdom in terms of conflict, division, and war? Jesus came in peace to reconcile a broken and sinful humanity with an all-merciful and loving God. Jesus also came to wage war, to overthrow the powers and principalities arrayed against God and his kingdom. What are these powers? Jesus describes Satan as the ruler of this world whom he will cast out (John 12:31). The battle Jesus had in mind was not an earthly conflict between nations, but a spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the armies of heaven. The scriptures make clear that there are ultimately only two powers or kingdoms – God’s kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. John contrasts these two kingdoms in the starkest of terms: We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19).

Prayer: May the prayer and integrity of Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, O Lord, we pray, obtain help for your faithful, that they may gain a share in the eternal inheritance of those whom they celebrate with devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessory Prayer to Saints Louis and Zélie Martin: Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, after having had the desire for religious life, you heard the Lord’s call to the vocation of marriage. You are the “parents without equal” of whom your daughter Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus speaks; the fortunate parents of Léonie, the Servant of God, Sister Françoise-Thérèse; of Marie, Pauline, and Céline, transplanted to Mount Carmel; and of the four children taken from your affection in their youth: Hélène, Joseph, Jean-Baptiste, and Mélanie-Thérèse. You gave all glory to God through your humble and patient work, your commitment to the poor, and your family life, where reigned the happiness of loving and being loved. You lived your daily life concretely through the joys and sorrows of your existence. You love us as your own children, with the heart of a father and the heart of a mother, because you are the friends of God. Listen to our prayer and our request (*mention your request at this point in the prayer*) and intercede for us with God the Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Contemplation: When Jesus spoke about division he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man’s enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The love of God compels us to choose who will be

first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. True love for God compels us to express charity towards our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before his disciples the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is the will of God which leads to everlasting life, peace, and joy with God.

About Saints Louis and Zélie Martin: was born in Bordeaux in 1823 and baptized Louis-Joseph-Aloys-Stanislaus. He grew up in Alençon and after school learned clock-making eventually opening his own watch-making and jewelry business on the rue du Pont-Neuf in Alençon. As a young man he wished to become a priest but it was not to be. Prayer was an important part of his life. He liked reading, fishing and walking in the countryside. His travels included his well-known pilgrimage to Rome in 1887 with his daughters Thérèse and Céline on the occasion of which Thérèse - still not fifteen years old - asked Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter Carmel. Zélie Guérin (christened Marie-Azélie) was born in 1831 near Alençon. She had a strong faith. She too wished to embrace the religious life and again it was not to be. Much is written of her great energy and capacity for work. She became a professional and talented maker of Alençon point lace and she also started her own business in Alençon. When Zélie was 26 years old she encountered Louis Martin on the Bridge of St. Leonard over the Sarthe River in Alençon and had a premonition that they would marry. Three months later on 13 July 1858 the wedding took place in the Church of Notre-Dame now the Basilica of Notre-Dame in Alençon. The couple lived in Alençon, initially at 15 rue du Pont-Neuf and later at 35 rue Saint-Blaise, where St. Thérèse was born. They had nine children only five of whom survived infancy and early childhood. The surviving children were Marie, Pauline, Léonie, Céline and Thérèse all of whom embraced the religious life. Marie, Pauline, Céline and Thérèse became Carmelite Sisters in Lisieux and were known respectively as Sr Marie of the Sacred Heart, Mother Agnes of Jesus, Sr. Geneviève of the Holy Face and Sr. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Léonie became a Visitantine Sister, in Caen, and was known as Sr. Françoise Thérèse. Thérèse, their youngest daughter, was only four-year-old when Zélie died in 1877. After this Louis and his five daughters moved to Les Buissonnets in Lisieux. In 1887 Thérèse asked for and received her father's permission to enter Carmel which she did in 1888.

Tuesday, July 13 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Saint Henry

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24 Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum: Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the nether world. For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Meditation: If Jesus were to walk down the streets of any community – your neighborhood, perhaps – what would he say? Would he issue a warning like the one he gave to Chorazin and Bethsaida? And how would you respond? Wherever Jesus went he did mighty works to show the people how much God had for them. Chorazin and Bethsaida had been blessed with the visitation of God. They heard the good news and experienced the wonderful works which Jesus did for them. Why was Jesus upset with these communities? The word woe can mean misfortune, calamity, distress, sorrow, sadness, misery, grief, or wretchedness. It is as much an expression of sorrowful pity and grief as it is of dismay over the calamity and destruction which comes as a result of human folly, sin, and ignorance.

Prayer: O God, whose abundant grace prepared Saint Henry to be raised by you in a wonderful way from the cares of earthly rule to heavenly realms, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that amid the uncertainties of this world we may hasten towards you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Repentance demands constant change – a change of heart, a change of mind, and always a call to change the way we live our life. God's word is life-giving and it saves us from destruction – the destruction of heart, mind, and soul as well as body. Jesus' anger is directed toward sin and everything which hinders us from doing the will of God. In love he calls us to walk in his way of truth and freedom, grace and loving-kindness, justice and holiness. Do you receive his word with faith and obedience or with doubt and indifference?

**Wednesday, July 14 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin ~ the "Lily of the Mohawks"**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27 At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

Meditation: In today's gospel Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his disciples the wisdom and knowledge of God. His prayer also contains a warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. What makes us ignorant and blind to the things of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, and stubbornness of will shut out God and his kingdom. Pride is the root of all vice and the strongest influence propelling us to sin. It first vanquishes the heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. What is pride? It is the inordinate love of oneself at the expense of others and the exaggerated estimation of one's own learning and importance. Jesus contrasts intellectual pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are "childlike" (not childish) in the sense that they see purely without pretense and acknowledge their dependence and trust in the one who is greater, wiser, and more trustworthy. They seek one thing – the "summum bonum" or "greatest good" who is God himself. Simplicity of heart is wedded with humility, the queen of virtues, because humility inclines the heart towards grace and truth. Just as pride is the root of every sin and evil, so humility is the only soil in which the grace of God can take root. It alone takes the right attitude before God and allows him as God to do all. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (ref. Book of Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6).

Prayer: O God, who desired the Virgin St. Kateri Tekakwitha to flower among Native Americans in a life of innocence, grant, through her intercession, that when all are gathered into your Church from every nation, tribe and tongue, they may magnify you in a single canticle of praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus makes a claim which no one would have dared to make – he is the perfect revelation of God. One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely and unconditionally.

**Thursday, July 15 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Meditation: What does the yoke of Jesus refer to in the gospel? The Jews used the image of a yoke to express submission to God. They spoke of the yoke of the law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the kingdom, the yoke of God. Jesus says his yoke is "easy." The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". Yokes were tailor-made to fit the oxen well. We are commanded to put on the "sweet yoke of Jesus" and to live the "heavenly way of life and happiness". Jesus also says his "burden is light". There's a story of a man who once met a boy carrying a smaller crippled lad on his back. "That's a heavy load you are carrying there," exclaimed the man. "He ain't heavy; he's my brother!" responded the boy. Think about it...no burden is ever too heavy when it is given in love and carried out in love.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, just as we celebrate the heavenly birthday of the Bishop Saint Bonaventure, we may benefit from his great learning and constantly imitate the ardor of his charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus offers us a new kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. In his kingdom sins are not only forgiven but removed, and eternal life is poured out for all its citizens. This is not a political kingdom, but a spiritual one. The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sinful habits and hurtful desires. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a weight of glory and victory with him. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of love, grace, and freedom from the power of sin.

Friday, July 16 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50 While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Meditation: God offers to each of us the greatest of relationships - union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, Jesus Christ, who is the very author and source of love (1 John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. He will love us no matter what. It is his nature to love. That is why he created us - to be united with him and to share in his love and unity (1 John 3:1). God is a trinity of persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and a community of love. That is why Jesus challenged his followers and even his own earthly family to recognize that God is the true source of all relationships. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love.

Prayer: May the venerable intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, so that, fortified by her protection, we may reach the mountain which is Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein You are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand Your power. O show me herein You are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in Your hands (mention your request now).

Contemplation: God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. That is why he gives us virtually unlimited opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives (and for all people) is unquestionable; we must live accordingly.

About the Memorial to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church in 1726.

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Notas Espirituales

El profeta Amós es el primer profeta clásico que encontramos en la Biblia. Un ciudadano del reino del sur de Judá, se profetiza en el reino del norte de Israel. La entrega de un mensaje de juicio y condenación, que es rechazado por "Amasías, sacerdote de Betel," un santuario en el norte. Amasías dijo a Amós: "Vete de aquí... y huye a la tierra de Judá! ...Nunca vuelvas a profetizar de nuevo en Betel." Pero el profeta declara el SEÑOR, "me sacó de junto al rebaño" y lo envió a "Ve profetiza a mi pueblo Israel." Amós habla no sus propias palabras, pero las palabras del SEÑOR.

La carta a los Efesios se atribuye generalmente a un discípulo de Pablo, escribiendo después de la muerte del apóstol. Nuestro autor, escribiendo en el nombre de Pablo, recuerda a la iglesia en Efesios que Dios "nos ha bendecido en Cristo con todas las bendiciones espirituales" y que "hemos recibido la redención por su sangre." Este es el plan de Dios, un plan destinado a traernos "redención como la posesión de Dios." Durante las lecturas de las próximas semanas, la carta más detalles sobre cómo se realiza el plan de Dios.

El discipulado no es sólo sobre el aprendizaje; también se trata de hacer. En el evangelio de hoy. Jesús envía a sus discípulos "de dos en dos." Su tarea refleja su misión - que son enviados a predicar el arrepentimiento, sanar a los enfermos y echar fuera demonios. Al igual que los profetas de la antigüedad, que encontrarán una recepción mezclada: algunos la bienvenida; otros la rechazan. La experiencia de los primeros discípulos refleja la experiencia de los ministros de la palabra en el día de Marcos también. La palabra de Dios siempre se encuentra con una recepción mixta.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cuál es mi respuesta a la Palabra de Dios cuando me resulta difícil? ¿El hecho de que los profetas y los apóstoles se reunieron en ocasiones el rechazo me ayuda en mi camino de fe?



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