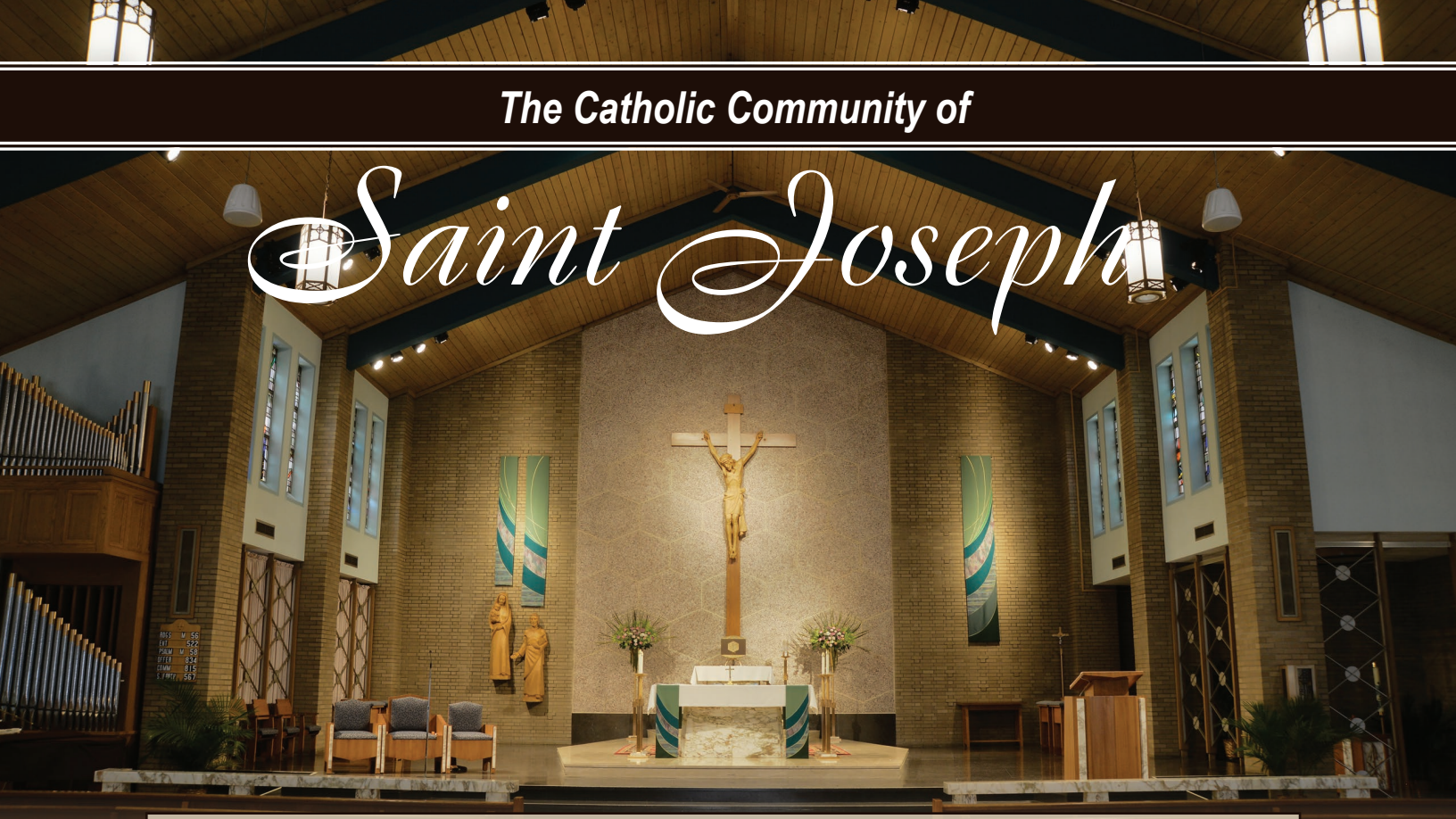
The Catholic Community of

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: Saturday – 3:00-3:45 p.m.; **Sunday –** 12:30-1:15 p.m., or anytime by appointment.

"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;* **Ms. Mary Maresch,** *Youth 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

After Hours Emergency Line:
330-364-6662

Fax:
330-602-7488

Youth Ministry:
330-364-6661

Hispanic Ministry:
330-432-0811

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School:
330-343-9134

Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School:
330-343-3302

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16 and 17, 2022
Julio 16 y 17 del 2022

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 18
No Mass
Readings: 395: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 19
6:00 p.m. Sandy Wagner
Readings: 396: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85/ Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 20
8:15 a.m. Jean Fondriest
9:00 a.m. **Rosary**
Readings: 397: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 21
8:15 a.m. Rita Miller
9:00 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**
Readings: 398: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36/ Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 22
8:15 a.m. Esther Monaco
Readings: 603: Sgs 3:1-4a/Ps 63/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday, July 23
The Vigil for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the DeBois Family

Sunday, July 24
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Sandy Wagner
11:00 a.m. Richard Ernest
1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish
(Mass in Spanish)
Readings: 111: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138/Col 2:12-14/ Lk 11:1-13

Offertory for July 9 and 10, 2022

Loose Cash and Checks	$	2,509.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	$	4,685.00
Online Giving	$	1,255.00
Total	**$**	**8,449.00**
	Other Funds	
Poor Fund	$	544.00
Capital Improvement	$	83.00
Youth Ministry	$	165.00
Other Collections	$	130.00

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound. Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, July 19 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm
Wednesday, July 20 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham
Thursday, July 21 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy
Friday, July 22 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope

July 23 and 24, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Lector: Sue Quillen
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil
Ushers: Tim Avon, Steve DeBois, Lyle Tope
Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Joseph Miller

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jack Burnham
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannine Kennedy, Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio
Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl, Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell
Servers: Easton Pope, Brady Pope, Nadia Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sue Worth
Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Mary Elco, Joe Sciarretti
Ushers: Mark Renner, Patti DeVault, Terry Olbrysh
Servers: Tessa Williams, John Nguyen, Greg Nguyen

If you know of a friend or family member who 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 who have asked for our prayers and those who have no one to pray for them.

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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

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

Abraham's visitors, interpreted by many Christian commentators as the Trinity, give him an opportunity to practice his hospitality. The author tells us that it was the Lord who appeared to him, but Abraham does not seem to recognize His identity; he refers to Him as "sir." His offer of a little food turns into an elaborate feast. This text illustrates that he has become a man of means and that he is a generous host. The passage concludes with the promise of a son born to Sarah within a year. We should not view this as a reward for Abraham's generosity, but as another episode in the working out of God's promise to Abraham made earlier in Genesis. Writing to the Colossians, Paul says that he unites his sufferings with those of Christ "on behalf of his body, which is the church." God has chosen to make known in Paul's day the mystery hidden so that Jew and Gentile alike might come to know the message and person of Christ, who died for our sins. The story of Martha and Mary in Luke's text shows us two types of disciples. Martha is the disciple who is busy with all the chores of hospitality. In some ways, she is like Abraham and Sarah in today's first reading. But Mary has chosen the better part in focusing on listening to the Lord's words. The message is not that we should avoid the obligations of hospitality, but that we are called to have balance in our lives. There is a time for work and a time for listening. Too often, a hostess fails to visit with her guests because she is too busy worrying about many things. Martha runs the risk of missing the better part.

For Reflection: What is my attitude toward the stranger among us? Do I strive to have a sense of balance in my life between Christian deeds and contemplation?

P.S.R. News

Registration for the 2022-2023 P.S.R. year will be mailed in the coming weeks. If you are new to the program, please contact the Parish Office and forms will be sent to you.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
LIVING THE Joy OF THE GOSPEL

***"Living the Joy of the Gospel"* – Currently, we are only at 18% participation with $32,981.66 in pledges toward our parish goal of $70,467.75.** Thank you to the families that have made a gift or pledge. If you have not donated, and would like to, there are envelopes at the entrances, or you may donate online at https://columbuscatholic.org/bishops-annual-appeal. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs. Please pray for the success of the appeal.

Immaculate Conception Parish Festival

July 22nd and 23rd

Friday: New Delhi Monkeymen, 8:00-11:00 p.m.
Saturday: Moonlyterz, 8:00-11:00 p.m.
Food, games for the kids and adults, beer garden
Please support our neighboring parish!

Join Our Team!

Director of Music Ministry

This is a full-time, professional, ministerial position with benefits. The Director of Music will oversee, direct and coordinate the music ministries for all Liturgy and Parish worship including our Hispanic and Elementary School liturgies. The successful candidate will recruit, train and oversee all musicians, choirs (both English and Spanish speaking choirs), cantors, song leaders and other music volunteers; must be knowledgeable and comfortable with traditional, contemporary and praise and worship music. He or she will also serve as a resource to parish ministries and develop a plan for introducing new repertoire. This person must work collaboratively with the Pastor, Parish Clergy, and all Parish Staff. Qualified applicants must be highly organized, possess a friendly demeanor and dedication to St. Joseph's mission of becoming a parish of authentic, missionary disciples. The ideal candidate will have had previous experience as a pastoral musician and be proficient in both the piano and organ. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required, and the ability to converse in Spanish will be a plus. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening, completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" program and reference checks. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

The ideal applicant must be a practicing Catholic and exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in faith. He/she must possess a bachelor's degree in religious education, theology or the equivalent. Catechetical, communications and public relations skills, along with professionalism and flexibility, are essential for this position. Must have superior writing and oral communication skills and excellent interpersonal skills to work with children, parents, parish staff, and the parish priest. Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course are mandatory. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

To apply, send cover letter, résumé and references to:
Father James Hatfield , c/o St. Joseph Church
613 North Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622
or email stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Save the Date! August 20, 2022

St. Joseph High School Alumni reunion will be held in the Tuscarawas Central Catholic gymnasium. More information will be sent to all graduates soon.
Please contact Mary Lou Kuemerle Miller at 330-343-1795 with questions.

Mini Food Pantry

Our mini food pantry box, located at the Family Life Centers, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Rice	Dry Black Beans
Tuna	Applesauce
Mac and Cheese	Canned Spaghetti
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church, or you make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

July 20, 2022 – Team M (Fran Mason)
July 27, 2022 – Team P (Pat Figuly)
August 3, 2022 – Team Q (Matt Fondriest)
August 10, 2022 – Team A (Mike Comg.)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."
COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.
Share your faith by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. For more information, email www.catholic-foundation.org/development.

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.

Office of Social Concerns – Action Alerts!

http://socialconcerns.columbuscatholic.org

Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org/I/AB/Abortion.htm.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website at www.justiceforimmigrants.org for the latest action alerts and education resources.

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.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 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.

Online Giving

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 2022

For the elderly
We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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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)

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

***"The importance of detachment from things, the importance of poverty, is that we are supposed to be free from things that we might prefer to people. Wherever things have become more important than people, we are in trouble. That is the crux of the whole matter." ~*FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO**

Monday, July 18 ~ Sixteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saint Camillus de Lellis

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42 Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." He said to them in reply, "An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here. At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here."

Meditation: Jesus gives a rather stern warning to his generation when they demanded a sign from him. It was characteristic of the Jewish people that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. Jesus faulted them for one thing: spiritual adultery. The image of adultery was often used in the scriptures for describing apostasy or infidelity towards God. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims, he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented (Jonah 3:5). And the Queen of Sheba recognized God's wisdom in Solomon (1 Kings 10:1-9). Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their very eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (Luke 2:34- 35). Jesus confirmed his message with many miracles in preparation for the greatest sign of all – his resurrection on the third day.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Camillus with a singular grace of charity towards the sick, pour out upon us, by his merits, a spirit of love for you, so that, serving you in our neighbor, we may, at the hour of our death, pass safely over to you. 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.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus through the gift of his Holy Spirit offers us freedom from sin and ignorance and he gives us wisdom and understanding so that we may grow in knowledge of God and his ways. Do you thirst for God and for the wisdom which comes from above? James the Apostle says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. If we wish to be wise in God's ways, then we must humble ourselves before him, like attentive students who wish to learn, and submit our heart and mind to his will for our lives. The single of heart and mind desire one thing alone – God who is the source of all wisdom, goodness, truth, and knowledge. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the wisdom which comes from above and to free your heart from all that would hinder God's loving action in your life.

Tuesday, July 19 ~ Sixteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50 While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you." 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 us the greatest of relationships – union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, 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 of persons (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 relatives to recognize that God is the true source of all relationships. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love.

Prayer: Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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.

Contemplation: Jesus is God's love incarnate – God's love made visible in human flesh (1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God – his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family – his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

Wednesday, July 20 ~ Sixteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Meditation: Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is for ever too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. He or she may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but their work. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

Prayer: Direct your faithful, Lord, in the way of eternal salvation, which the Bishop Saint Apollinaris showed by his teaching and martyrdom, and grant, through, his intercession, that we may so persevere in

keeping your commandments as to merit being crowned with him. 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.

Contemplation: Jesus' teaching method was a very simple one. He used parables – short stories and images taken from everyday life to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus painted evocative pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday images of life and nature to point to another order of reality – hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear." Do you filter out the noise and haste of this world, so that you can allow your ears to hear Christ's word with clarity, understanding and conviction of both mind and heart?

Thursday, July 21 ~ Sixteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17 The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them.* "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Meditation: Saint Augustine of Hippo once said: "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." Both faith and understanding are gifts of the Holy Spirit that enable us to hear God's word with clarity so we can know God better and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth. Jesus, however, had to warn his disciples that not everyone would understand his teaching. The prophet Isaiah had warned that some would hear God's word, but not believe, some would see God's actions and miracles, and remained unconvinced. Ironically some of the greatest skeptics of Jesus' teaching and miracles were the learned scribes and Pharisees who prided themselves on their knowledge of scripture and the law of Moses. They heard Jesus' parables and saw the great signs and miracles which he performed, but they refused to accept both Jesus and his message. How could they "hear and never understand" and "see but never perceive"? They were spiritually blind and deaf because their hearts were closed and their minds were blocked by pride and prejudice.

Prayer: O God, who for the glory of your name and the salvation of souls bestowed on the Priest Saint Lawrence of Brindisi a spirit of counsel and fortitude, grant, we pray, that in the same spirit, we may know what must be done and, through his intercession, bring it to completion. 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.

Contemplation: There is only one thing that can open a closed, confused, and divided mind – a broken heart and humble spirit! The word disciple means one who is willing to learn and ready to submit to the wisdom and truth which comes from God. Psalm 119 expresses the joy and delight of a disciple who loves God's word and who embraces it with trust and obedience. "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation" (Psalm 119:97-99). God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom to the humble and trusting person who acknowledges their need for God and for his truth. The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach God's word with indifference, skepticism, and disbelief, then we, too, may "hear but not understand" and "see but not perceive." God's word can only take root in a humble and receptive heart that is ready to believe. If we want to hear and to understand God's word, we must listen with openness, humility, reverence and faith – nothing else will suffice. Do you believe God's word and do you submit to it with trust and reverence?

Friday, July 22 ~ Sixteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time
Saint Mary Magdalene

Holy Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18 On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the

Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he told her.

Meditation: How easy it is to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary Magdalene did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18). The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope -- the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:8-9). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread" and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Mary Magdalene has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love. So we might ask ourselves today: How do I embrace the truth of God's love for me and for others? Through my actions and interactions with others, do I always bear witness to that same level of love? If not, what is holding me back?

About Saint Mary Magdalene: The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee. She was known to be a "great sinner" – a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened. She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

Visit:
+ The Shrine of Saint Mary Magdalene (Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte Baume) in France:
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Pope St. John Paul II's Challenge to Our Church:
The Inspiration for *Walking with Moms in Need*

On March 25, 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document, written by a great saint of our time, Pope John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

In this encyclical, the Holy Father explains that the Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, reflecting his glory and his imprint. We are therefore called to "respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."[1]

Evangelium vitae highlights the special and particular role of women in bearing the gift of life to the world. Pope John Paul II offers heartfelt thanks to these "heroic mothers," who, placing their trust in God, "devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves."[2]

Pope John Paul II also outlines the many challenges that expectant mothers may face, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health or that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. The Holy Father recognizes that an "unborn child is totally entrusted to the protection and care of the woman carrying him or her in the womb."[3] For this reason, it is particularly important that the Church come alongside mothers, offering them encouragement, assistance, and support.

Through Christ, we have received the gift of the Gospel of Life in its fullness. As members of the Church, we are the *people of life and for life*. It is our duty to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life to the world, for "*to proclaim Jesus is itself to proclaim life.*"[4] Pope John Paul II tasked us with building a culture of life to combat the forces at work in the culture of death. He challenged us:

> *With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.*[5]

In honor of *Evangelium vitae*'s 25th anniversary and in answer to Pope John Paul II's call, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities launched a nationwide effort entitled, ***Walking with Moms in Need***. Parishes, through the support of their bishops and pastors, are invited to join this effort to increase the Church's outreach and support to pregnant women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. This special anniversary has provided the Church with an opportunity to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods, but in desperation, they are turning to other places for help. We know the needs and challenges can be immense for women in difficult pregnancies, especially

women in poverty, and the sources for help may not be apparent to those most needing support. Women facing challenging pregnancies should see the Church as a place where they can find help, especially with its extensive social services dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis.

Through *Walking with Moms in Need* the Church is being asked to respond to Pope John Paul II's call and honestly assess the pastoral and practical assistance that it currently provides to pregnant moms and families in need and how effective it is in communicating such help.

Pope John Paul II wrote that, "gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to share [the Gospel of Life] with everyone."[6] He said we need to bring this message "to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."[7] By reaching out to lovingly support and care for pregnant women and their children, we witness to the sanctity of every human person, in every stage and every circumstance.

Evangelium vitae emphasizes that, "where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable... We need then to 'show care' for all life and for the life of everyone."[8] Pope John Paul II highlights the incredible history of service and charity that the Church has provided throughout the centuries to those abandoned and forgotten by society. He urges that "every Christian community, with a renewed sense of responsibility, must continue to write this history."[9]

We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. *Evangelium vitae* teaches us that "the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest."[10]

Pope John Paul II wrote, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."[11] The Gospel of Jesus *is* the Gospel of Life, and to love Jesus is to love and serve life. As followers of Christ, may we strive to continually respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable entrusted to us by God.

As part of Walking with Moms in Need, *the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is providing educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources to help parishes go to the peripheries and bring hope and help to mothers in need. Through the combined efforts of parishes nationwide, we hope to move closer to the day when every pregnant mother in need knows where to turn for help, and abortion is unthinkable. Visit* ***WalkingWithMoms.com*** *to learn more and to pledge to prayerfully walk with mothers in need.*

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Iglesias San José
Ministerios Hispanos
Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
17 de Julio del 2022

Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	**24 de Julio**	**1:30 p.m.**
Domingo	**31 de Julio**	**1:30 p.m.**
Domingo	**7 de Agosto**	**1:30 p.m.**

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	**4:00 p.m.**
Domingos	**8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.**

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Julio 2022

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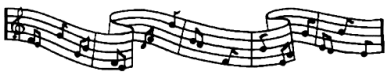

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31 de Julio	Mensajeros de Cristo
7 de Agosto	El Buen Pastor
14 de Agosto	Guadalupe y San Jose
21 de Agosto	El Nuevo Sembrador
28 de Agosto	Seguidores de Cristo

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Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330-364-6661.

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Notas Espirituales

Los Visitantes de Abraham, interpretados por muchos comentaristas cristianos como la Trinidad, le da una oportunidad de practicar su hospitalidad. El autor nos dice que era el Señor que se le apareció, pero Abraham no parece reconocer su identidad; sino que se refiere a él como "señor." Su oferta de un poco de comida se convierte en una fiesta preparada. Este texto muestra que se ha convertido en un hombre justo y que es un anfitrión generoso. El pasaje termina con la promesa de un hijo nacido de Sara en un año. No debemos ver esto como una recompensa por la generosidad de Abraham, sino como un episodio más en el trabajo de la promesa de Dios a Abraham que realizo a principios en el Génesis. Al escribir a los Colosenses, Pablo dice que él une sus sufrimientos a los de Cristo "en la parte de su cuerpo, que es la iglesia." Dios ha escogido para dar a conocer en los días de Pablo "el misterio oculto" de modo que Judíos y gentiles por igual puedan llegar a conocer el mensaje y la persona de Cristo, que murió por nuestros pecados. La historia de Marta y María en el texto de Lucas nos muestra dos tipos de discípulos. Marta es el discípulo que está ocupada con todos los quehaceres de la casa. En cierto modo, ella es como Abraham y Sara en la primera lectura de hoy. Pero María "ha elegido la mejor parte" en concentrarse a escuchar las palabras del Señor. El mensaje no es que debemos de evitar las obligaciones de nuestro hogar, sino que estamos llamados a tener balance en nuestras vidas. Hay un tiempo para trabajar y un tiempo para escuchar. Con demasiada frecuencia, los que invitan al visitante no lo atienden, ya que está demasiado ocupado y preocupado "por muchas cosas." Marta corre el riesgo de perder la mejor parte.

Para la reflexión: ¿Cuál es mi actitud hacia el extraño entre nosotros? ¿Debo tratar de tener armonía en mi vida y ceder a las acciones cristianamente?¿Cuál sería mi vida si yo careciera de paciencia?

Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

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