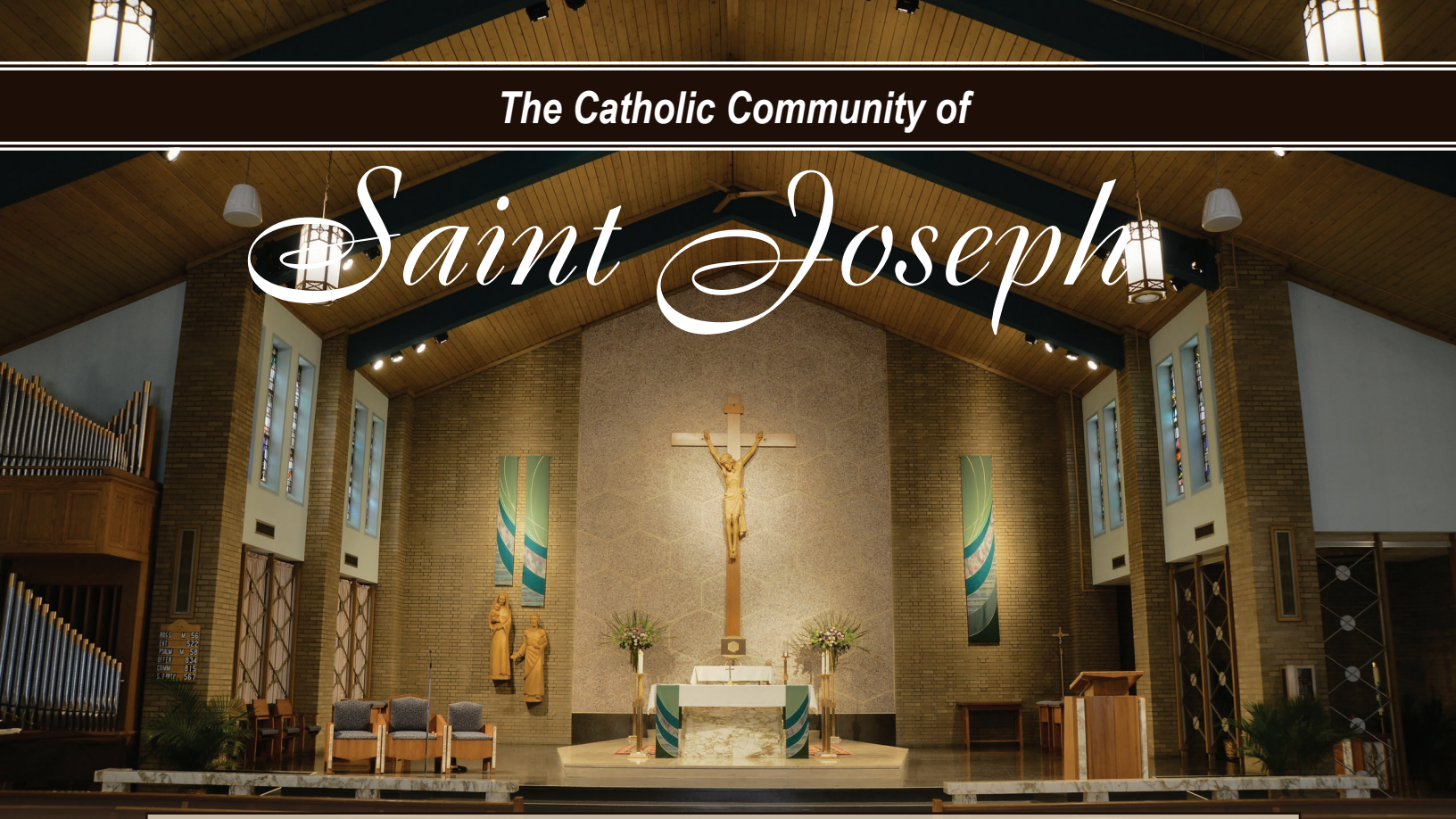
The Catholic Community of

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

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St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23 and 24, 2022
Julio 23 y 24 del 2022

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 25
No Mass
Readings: 605: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26
6:00 p.m. Jim Litty
Readings: 402: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27
8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Sorohan Family
9:00 a.m. **Rosary**
Readings: 403: Jer 15:10,16-21/Ps 59/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28
8:15 a.m. Polly Wherley
9:00 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**
Readings: 404: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29
8:15 a.m. Larry Jones
Readings: 405: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69/Jn 11:19-27

Saturday, July 30
The Vigil for The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Kevin Dragoman

Sunday, July 31
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Richard Wenzel
11:00 a.m. Katherine Gopp
1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish
(Mass in Spanish)
Readings: 114: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Offertory for July 16 and 17, 2022

Loose Cash and Checks	$	3,304.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	$	4,478.00
Online Giving	$	745.00
Total	**$**	**8,527.00**
	Other Funds	
Poor Fund	$	231.00
Capital Improvement	$	108.00
Youth Ministry	$	25.00
Other Collections	$	280.00

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 26 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo
Wednesday, July 27 - 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham
Thursday, July 28 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy
Friday, July 29 – 8:15 a.m. – Mike Finley

July 30 and 31, 2022
4:00 p.m.
Lector: Lyle Tope
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil
Ushers: Tim Avon, Steve DeBois, Roy Montan
Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Charlie Montan

8:30 a.m. Mass
Lector: Mike Finley
Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Ritzert, John Kuczirka, Jessica DeBois
Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl, Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell
Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Piper Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass
Lector: Mark Clemence
Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Mary Elco, Elizabeth Clemence
Ushers: Mark Renner, Patti DeVault, Terry Olbrysh
Servers: Cecilia Hostetler, Chase Hostelter, Megan Martinez

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

Today's text from Genesis paired with the teaching on prayer from Luke's Gospel, illustrates Abraham's relationship with God and his role as one who intercedes on behalf of his people. God shares with Abraham His intention to punish the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah who pleads on their behalf. Would God, "the judge of all the world," "sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" God's mercy is such that even if 10 righteous people are found, He will "spare the whole place for their sake" In Colossians, we are reminded that we were buried with Him in Baptism and raised with Him through faith. The early church saw the strong connection between Baptism and death; we die to sin and rise to new life, as though the baptismal font were a tomb in which we share in Christ's death and Resurrection. Through Baptism, we become God's children so we can address God as Abba, Father. By giving us the *Our Father*, Jesus is teaching us how to pray. Our prayer should be simple and direct, acknowledging our dependence on God. Jesus goes on to advise persistence "Ask… seek… knock," He tells us, for God watches over us and cares for us as a living parent. Luke's unique addition to this teaching is that God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. It is this Spirit, which guided Jesus, which we should be seeking in our prayer.

For Reflection: Are my prayers of intercession sometimes focused on others, or are they just concerned with my own wants and needs? Is my prayer one of actively "asking seeking, and knocking"? Or am I more resigned to accept whatever comes my way and attribute it to God's will?

Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parish and in our community. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." In order to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, Bishop Fernandes as asked all the parishes to join a nationwide effort entitled "Walking with Moms in Need." We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on the effort to serve families in need in our community. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

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. 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.

Calendar Planning

Committees and Organizations, please have your calendar dates to Brenda, by Friday, July 29th. This helps us to plan for the upcoming year!

And the Winners are…

St. Joseph 2022 Festival Raffle Winners

Grand Prize – $1,500.00 Cash
Roy Montan
2nd Prize – $500.00 Cash
Cathy Houglan
3rd Prize – $500.00 Cash
Jeffrey Warner
4th Prize – 45 inch TV
Jack Fickes
5th Prize – $350.00 Cash
Rose Gombos
6th Prize – $250.00 Cash
Cathy Peters
7th Prize – $250.00 Cash
Sung Jun Park
8th Prize – $250.00 Cash
Amy Smith
9th Prize – $250.00 Cash
Travis Anderson
10th Prize – $150.00 Cash
Kelly Ricklic
11th Prize – Restaurant Package
Beth Cardani
12th Prize – $100.00 Cash
Lou Settimio

Winner of the Seller's drawing: Ronnie Saffell
Winner of the weekend 50/50 drawing: Chris Helbling
Thank you to our prize donors: Park Village Health Care, Dr. Jack and Judy Burnham, Atty. Jim and Abby Contini, Chris and Chrissie Hensel, Dr. Tom and Cathy Teater, Karen Stokey, Jay and Erin Deeds, Dave and Susie Bambeck, Malcuit's Tavern, Hoodletown Brewing Co., Smash Restrobar and El Pueblito Mexican Bistro, and our special anonymous donors.

L.C.B.A. Silent Auction Winners

Winner of the Quilt: Joanne Raynow
Winner of the Painting: Betty Fulton
Winner of the Doll Ensemble: Pat Raynow
Winner of the Dollhouse: Barb Rice

The L.C.B.A. extends a huge thank-you to all those who donated items for our Fancy Booth! A special thank-you to Michelle Bauer for donating a beautiful quilt to us again this year and to Father Jimmy, for donating one of his original masterpieces, to the Festival. Thank you to all who supported the Fancy Booth with purchases of merchandise and raffle tickets.

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:

Spam	Cereal
Tuna	Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit	Jelly
Toilet Paper	

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 27, 2022 – Team P (Pat Figuly)
August 3, 2022 – Team Q (Hannah Jacobs)
August 10, 2022 – Team A (Mike Comg.)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.
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.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year after their 60th, anniversaries of marriage are cordially invited to attend, whether in-person, or via livestream. All Jubilarians will receive a congratulatory letter and a certificate in the mail!
NOTE: Due to limited space, the reception after Mass is for Jubilarians ONLY. Guests are unable to attend the reception. Please register at https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage/jubilee-of-anniversaries.

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.

Sunday, July 24, is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (celebrated closest to the Feast of Saint Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus). Read the Pope Francis' Message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

"'In old age they will still bear fruit' (Psalm 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true 'gospel' that we can proclaim to all on this Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbor few expectations for the future."

~POPE FRANCIS, EXCERPT, *SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY*

Monday, July 25 ~ Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28 The mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your Kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My chalice you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left, this is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Meditation: There are many who seek places of honor, position, and prestige. Many seem to have an unquenchable thirst for fame and recognition, to seek the limelight and be the center of attention, to have their voice or opinion heard through a web site, blog, Facebook or Twitter for example. Should we be surprised to see some of the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, authority, and position? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master. They wanted the distinction of being in the highest position of authority and power, next to Jesus, of course! When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would rule on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! He taught contrary to their understanding of power and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last!

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who consecrated the first fruits of your Apostles by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray, that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his protection. 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: What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, challenges, struggles, and temptations. As disciples we must always be ready to lay down our lives in martyrdom for the sake of the gospel and be ready to lay it down each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love — the kind of "love which God has poured into

our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (ref. Romans 5:5). An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for us?

Tuesday, July 26 ~ Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43 Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom. The weeds are the children of the Evil One, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Meditation: 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 and pray 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. The "evil one" refers to Satan who also tempts us with sowing his evil seed in our hearts and minds. The evil one can also refer to those among us who promote ways that are contrary to that of Christ – those who embrace contrary ways of living, far from the way that God has commanded and Christ has taught. Do you embrace the laws of God and the teachings of Christ and His Church? Or do you embrace the ways of the evil one, public opinion, the politically correct, that which may be popular, that which may be civilly legal yet immoral in the eyes of God, and anything that is contrary to the truths in sacred scripture?

Prayer: O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. 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: Don't be naïve, folks. An enemy exists who seeks to destroy the good seed of His word before it can bear fruit. Both good and evil can be sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. We must stand guard lest evil take root in our hearts and corrupt us. In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good will shine in the kingdom of their Father. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love.

About Saints Joachim and Anne: It was in the home of Joachim and Ann where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Ann and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation. Our information about Mary's parents comes from an apocryphal Christian writing, the *Protoevangelium Jacobi* (or *Gospel of James*), written about the year 170 A.D. Accordingly, Joachim was a prominent and respected man who had no children, and he and his wife, Anne, looked upon this as a punishment from God. In answer to their prayers, Mary was born and was dedicated to God at a very early age. From this early Christian writing have come several of the feast days of Mary, particularly the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity of Mary, and her Assumption into Heaven. Very early also came feast days in honor of Saints Joachim and Anne, and in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to St. Anne. The couple early became models of Christian marriage, and their meeting at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Anne is often shown in paintings with Jesus and Mary and is considered a subject that

attracts attention, since Anne is the grandmother of Jesus. Her two great shrines — that of Ste. Anne d'Auray in Britanny, France, and that of Ste. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada — are very popular. We know little else about the lives of Mary's parents, but considering the person of Mary, they must have been two very remarkable people to have been given such a daughter and to have played so important a part in the work of the Redemption.

Wednesday, July 27 ~ Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46 Jesus said to his disciples: "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. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Meditation: Discovering God's kingdom is like stumbling across hidden treasure or finding the one pearl of great price. When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure — the Lord himself. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things — our friends, job, our "style of life", what we do with our free time. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek. If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty (Job 22:22-23). Is the Lord the treasure and delight of your heart?

Prayer: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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: What do you treasure most and how do you keep it secure? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above everything else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough money to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us. But when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare. So what is of greater value, then? The treasure of this earthly life? Or the treasure that God makes available to us – the Lord himself!

Thursday, July 28 ~ Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53 Jesus said to the disciples: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the Kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.

Meditation: History tells us that the two most common ways of fishing in Jesus' time was with a casting-net (or hand-net) which was thrown from the shore, and the drag-net (or trawl) which was let down or cast into the waters from a boat. As the boat moved through the waters the drag-net was drawn into the shape of a great cone which indiscriminately took in all kinds of fish and flotsam and jetsam swept in its path. It usually took several men to haul such a net to shore. What is Jesus' point here? Just as a drag-net catches every kind of fish in the sea, so the church acts as God's instrument for gathering in all who will come. Just as the drag-net does not or cannot discriminate, so the church does not discriminate between the good and the bad, the useless and the useful. God's kingdom is open to all who will accept and believe. But there will come a time of separation, at the close of the age, when the angels will send the good and the bad to their respective destinations. Our duty is to gather in all who will come. God, in the end, will give the good and the bad the reward they deserve. God offers the treasure of his kingdom to all who believe. Do you hunger for God and his kingdom, and live your life according to God's way?

Prayer: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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: This parable, like so many that Jesus taught, points out that there will be a time when we will face the judgment throne of God, and by the actions that we chose to undertake in our earthly life – good and bad as defined by God, not as defined by popular culture or advocacy groups, opinions on blogs or in *People* magazine – will ultimately determine how we will spend eternity. Jesus offers a life with him in heaven by simply taking up his invitation to follow him. Why would we choose anything else?

Friday, July 29 ~ Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Martha, Virgin

Holy Gospel: John 11:19-27 Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died]. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Meditation: The loss of a loved one naturally produces grief and anguish of heart. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming to pay respects for the loss of Lazarus, she immediately went out to meet him before he could get to her house. What compelled her to seek Jesus out? Was it simply the companionship and consolation of a friend who loved her brother deeply? Or did she recognize in Jesus the hope that God would restore life? Martha, like many Orthodox Jews, believed in the life to come. The loss of her brother did not diminish her hope in the resurrection. She even gently chides Jesus for not coming soon enough to save Lazarus from an untimely death. Jesus does something unexpected and remarkable both to strengthen her faith and hope in the life to come and to give her a sign of what he was to accomplish through his own death and resurrection. Jesus gave to her belief a new and profound meaning: He came from the Father to defeat sin and death for us and to restore life to those who believe in him.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in Saint Martha's house as a guest, grant, we pray, that through her intercession, serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters, we may merit to be received by you in the halls of heaven. 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 states in today's Gospel and in many other places in the New Testament that he is the Resurrection and the Life. The life he offers is abundant life – life which issues from God himself. And eternal life – the fullness of life which knows no end. Do you seek the abundant life which Jesus offers to those who believe in him?

About Saint Martha: Martha was born of noble and wealthy parents, but she is still more illustrious for the hospitality she gave to Christ our Lord. After His Ascension into heaven, she was seized by the Jews, together with her brother and sister, Marcella her handmaid, and Maximin, one of the seventy-two disciples of our Lord, who had baptized the whole family, and many other Christians. They were put on board a ship without sails or oars, and left helpless on the open sea, exposed to certain shipwreck. But God guided the ship, and they all arrived safely in Gaul (in modern-day Marseilles). This miracle, together with their preaching, brought the people of Marseilles, of Aix, and of the neighborhood to believe in Christ. Martha, after having won the love and admiration of the people of Marseilles by the sanctity of her life and her wonderful charity, withdrew in the company of several virtuous women to a spot remote from men, where she lived for a long time, greatly renowned for her piety and prudence.

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The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary

The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with

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every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the

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mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However,

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the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and

promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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Ministerios Hispanos
Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
24 de Julio del 2022

Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	**31 de Julio**	**1:30 p.m.**
Domingo	**7 de Agosto**	**1:30 p.m.**
Domingo	**14 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.**

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Julio 2022

Por los ancianos

Recemos por los ancianos que representan las raíces y la memoria de un pueblo, para que su experiencia y sabiduría ayude a los más jóvenes a mirar hacia el futuro con esperanza y responsabilidad.

Horario de los Coros

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

Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.

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Notas Espirituales

El texto de hoy, desde el Génesis, junto con la enseñanza sobre la oración del Evangelio de Lucas, muestra la relación de Abraham con Dios y su función como uno que intercede en nombre de su pueblo. Dios comparte con Abraham su intención de castigar a los habitantes de Sodoma y Gomorra que aboga en su favor. Querrá Dios, "El juez de toda la tierra," "¿destruir al inocente con el culpable?" La misericordia de Dios es tal que si se encuentran incluso 10 personas justas, él "perdonará a todo este lugar por amor" En Colosenses se nos recuerda que "fuimos sepultados con él en el bautismo y resucitado con El por la fe." La iglesia primitiva vio la fuerte conexión entre el bautismo y la muerte, nuestra muerte al pecado y resucitar a una nueva vida, como si la pila bautismal era una tumba en la que participamos en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Por el bautismo nos convertimos en hijos de Dios para que podamos dirigirnos a Dios como Abba, Padre. Al darnos el Padre Nuestro, Jesús nos enseña a orar. Nuestra oración debe ser simple y directa, reconociendo nuestra dependencia de Dios. Jesús pasa a asesorar a la persistencia en la oración. No debemos sentarnos y esperar a que la bondad de Dios. "Pregunte... busque... llame," nos dice, por Dios vela sobre nosotros y nos cuida como un padre amoroso. Además único de Lucas a esta enseñanza es que Dios "dará el Espíritu Santo a los que lo piden." Es este Espíritu, que guió a Jesús, que debemos estar buscando en nuestra oración.

Para la reflexión: el diálogo de Abraham con Dios sirve como un ejemplo de intercesor a la oración. ¿Están mis oraciones de intercesión a veces enfocadas en los demás, o simplemente estoy preocupado por mis propios deseos y necesidades? ¿Es una de mis oraciones activamente "preguntando, buscando y llamando"? O estoy más resignado a aceptar lo que cada vez se me presenta y lo atribuyo a la voluntad de Dios?

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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