



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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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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.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 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

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other
planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

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. *Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al
mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y
padrinos deben recibir charlas de preparación en el
Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las
Oficinas de la Parroquia.*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have bulletin announcements to the
Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail
stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.



St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15 and 16, 2023

15 y 16 de Julio del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 17

No Mass

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

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 p.m. The Special Intentions of Tonia Bartz

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

Wednesday, July 19

8:15 a.m. Jerry Bryan

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20

8:15 a.m. Lowell Bower

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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

Friday, July 21

8:15 a.m. Laura Stone

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

Saturday, July 22

The Vigil for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Thomas Schuette

Sunday, July 23

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Catherine and Mario Corsi

11:00 a.m. Kathy Thomas

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 106: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, July 18 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, July 19 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope

Thursday, July 20 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, July 21 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

July 22, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Bonnie Edwards- 1st Lector

Debbie Tristano – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Kateri Renicker, Erin Neff, Cindy Bartz,
Bill Bartz

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Alex Utuy

July 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jack Burnham - 1st Lector

Lyle Tope – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Telle, John Kuczirka,

Sharon Kuczirka, Lou Settimio, Andrea Settimio,
Mary LaBrake, Leigh Burnham

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Gabe Winnie

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jim Elco – 1st Lector

Sue Quillen – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Elco, Patti DeVault,

Marcus Clemence, Elizabeth Clemence, Dan Galbraith,
Cathy Galbraith, Sue Worth

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Nick Civiello, Megan Martinez

Offertory for July 8 and 9, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,446.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,911.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,215.00
Total	\$ 8,572.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 607.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 40.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 130.00
Other Collections	\$ 90.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Spiritual Notes

Rain in the Bible is a sign of God's blessing. The Israelites were dependent on the weather for survival. There is no river that waters the country like the Nile does in Egypt. The Jordan is below sea level and is not an adequate source of water. They depend more on the rain. Isaiah speaks of the efficacy of God's word in today's reading. Using the image of rain, which waters "the Earth, making it fertile and fruitful," he tells us that God's word will achieve "the end for which I sent it." Agriculture was very much a part of Jesus' world, and images of sowing and reaping are often found in his teaching. In today's parable, found in all three synoptic Gospels, Jesus compares God's reign to the act of a sower sowing seed. Although the same type of seed is planted in various locations, only some of it produces a harvest. Frequently called "The Parable of the Sower," the emphasis of the parable, based on Jesus' own interpretation, is on the various types of ground where the seed is sown. He challenges us to hear the word and understand it, producing a good harvest. We must be open to receiving the word and allowing it to take root in our lives. Paul's letter to the Romans uses another familiar image, that of an expectant mother: "All creation is groaning in labor pains." History continues to unfold, and the followers of Jesus endure suffering. But this suffering is temporary, for just as a seed sprouts a new life, so too we will one day experience "the redemption of our bodies," when God's reign is fully realized.

For reflection: How does my life benefit from the gift of God's word? Is there something in the "soil" of my life that needs to be changed before I can bear an abundant harvest?

Parish School of Religion

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



"FORWARD WITH JESUS"

We are moving forward in the Light of Christ Jesus and ever more dependent on our Lord who is with us always. Your contributions help diocesan ministries and services in providing a path to move forward. Our parish goal is \$69,680.00; please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. To date we have \$43,745.00 pledged.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mark Your Calendars!

August 15, 2023

Feast of the Assumption

Mass – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner following in the Family Life Center

August 16, 2023

St. Joseph Alumni Dinner

Parish Hall – 6:00 p.m.

August 27, 2023

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Family Life Center – 9:30-11:00 a.m.

September 10, 2023

Parish Picnic

Knights of the Columbus Hall – 5:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023

Family Rosary Day

Church – TBD

October 14, 2023

Oktoberfest

TBD

The Neal Kwasnicka Tuition Assistance Catholic Foundation Endowment Fund

The Tuition Assistance Fund, named in honor of longtime custodian at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, is being established by the St. Joseph Parishioners at his retirement, with love and gratitude for his service to the community. If you would like to make a contribution to this new endowment fund that will provide tuition assistance to deserving students, who attend TCCES in the future, please make your checks payable to either St. Joseph Church or the Catholic Foundation. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

*Jubilee of
Anniversaries*

marriage8
family life
HOPE OF THE FUTURE

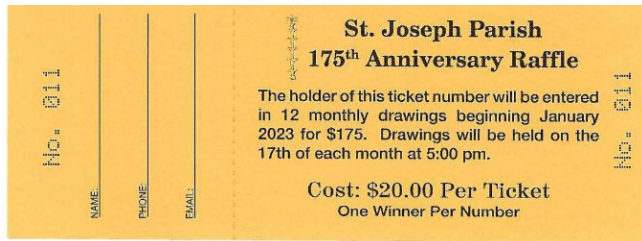
— A CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS —

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

St. John Neumann in Sunbury

MASS AT 2:30 PM | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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! Please register at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage/jubilee-of-anniversaries>.



The next drawing will be
Monday, July 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, 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:

Instant Coffee	Canned Chicken
Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup
Baked Beans	Rice

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

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention of 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 19, 2023 - Team H (Cindy Jones)

July 26, 2023 - Team I (Isabellas)

August 2, 2023 - Team J (Ashley Graham)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Walking with Moms in Need

The Parishes of Tuscarawas County recently joined a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers entitled, "Walking with Moms in Need." You are invited to follow our journey. We are also, inviting you to join us in prayer for all of the mothers and families who are in need of support. But mostly, we are inviting you to join us in forming the most expansive network of people who want to do better at "Walking with Moms in Need."

To follow us, use the forms located in the vestibule to provide your name and email address. If you prefer, you can also share that information with us on our local website at WWMINTusc.com. Once a month we will provide updates, progress reports, and stories of how we, as a community, can participate in the "Walking with Moms in Need" program.

To learn more about the nationwide initiative, you can visit walkingwithmoms.com.

Thank you for joining us in this important journey!



Thank you to all who took action and sent notes to your representative and senator to support school choice. It worked! Now, every Ohio student is eligible to receive an EdChoice Scholarship!

Scholarship amounts will be income-based. Students whose family income is at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or about \$135,000.00 for a family of four, is eligible to receive the full scholarship amount, and a student whose family income is above 450% FPL is eligible for a scholarship decreased on a sliding scale.

The EdChoice Scholarship increased to \$6,165.00 for K-8 students and \$8,407.00 for K-12 students. Guidance on how to apply and receive an EdChoice Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year is coming soon. Please contact Jessica DeBois, Principal, Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School at 330-343-9134 or jdebois@cdeducation.org.



Seeking volunteers to help with **Funeral Luncheons**

St. Joseph Church has wonderful volunteers who serve the families of our deceased, as well as bake desserts for the funerals at our parish. We would like to enlist some new help to enable the people who serve at the luncheons do not also have to bake the desserts. If you are unable to serve at the luncheons, but would like to help in some way, please consider volunteering to make a dessert. If you would like to help, we welcome new people. Please call Andrea Settimio at 330-204-1946 for more information.

CRS Continues Ukraine Relief

Catholic Relief Services continues to send staff and resources to support local partners in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Poland to address the growing immigrant and refugee needs. If you would like to make a donation to support the efforts of CRS, you may do so by going to <https://www.crs.org/> and following the "Ways to Give" link.

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.

The Memorare Moms Group continues to meet in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-age children and younger are invited to attend.

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 Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

"For the word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will. It enables man to know God and to love Him." +SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Monday, July 17 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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: The battle Jesus speaks of is not an earthly conflict between nations, but spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the armies of heaven. The scriptures make clear that there are ultimately only two kingdoms — God's kingdom of truth and light, and Satan's kingdom of lies, half-truths, deceit and darkness. Satan has only one aim — the complete domination of our hearts, minds, and will for his kingdom. And he will use any means possible to draw us from good to evil, from truth to deception, from light to darkness, and from life to death. There are no neutral parties in this spiritual battle. We are either for or against the kingdom of God – there can be no middle ground, compromise, secular redefinition or "political correctness." The choices we make and the actions we take in living out our daily lives reveal whose kingdom we choose to follow. Always remember that God sent Jesus to overthrow Satan's power and to set us free from everything that would keep us from the love of God and his wise rule in our lives — freedom from slavery to sin and our unruly desires, freedom from fear, greed, and selfishness.

Prayer: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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: When Jesus spoke about "division" the Old Testament prophecy of Micah unfolds: "a man's enemies are the men of his own household" (ref. Micah 7:6). The love of God compels us to choose who will be first, foremost and always in our lives. To place any relationship or any thing else above that which has been divinely revealed to us in Sacred Scripture by God and his son, Jesus Christ, becomes a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who and what 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. It is possible that family, friends, colleagues and neighbors can become our enemies by leading us astray, by embracing a lifestyle that is contrary to the truth and God's will. Who in your life who leads you away from God? Who distances you from God's love?

Tuesday, July 18 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

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, 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: Why does Jesus lament and issue a stern warning? The people who heard the gospel here very likely responded with indifference. Jesus upbraids them for doing nothing! Repentance demands change – a change of heart and way of 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 19 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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: It is a safe presumption that all of us want to know the mind and thoughts of God. Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his disciples the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth as well as heaven. He is both Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and at the same time, goodness and loving care for all his children. All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (ref. Ephesians 3:14-15). Jesus' prayer also contains a warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. Pride is Satan's favorite sin, for all sin has its root in pride.

Prayer: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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 makes us ignorant and blind to the things of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, and stubbornness of our human will shut out God and his kingdom. Pride is the root of all vice and the strongest influence propelling us to sin. It first overpowers the human 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 like "babes" 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. Humility is the queen of virtues, because humility inclines the heart towards grace and truth. Just as pride is the root of every sin and evil, the grace of humility takes the right attitude before God and allows him as God to do all. Remember that God opposes the proud, and gives grace to the humble (ref. Proverbs

3:34, James 4:6). Only the humble in heart can receive true wisdom and understanding of God and his ways. Do you submit to God's word with simple trust and humility?

Thursday, July 20 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

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 is this "yoke" which 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. No burden is too heavy when it's given in love and carried in love.

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: By embracing the way and the truth and the life of Christ, Jesus offers us the kingdom of righteousness, peace, happiness and joy. 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 chains of sin, the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sin and hurtful desires. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation the priest – acting in the person of Christ – lifts 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 from sin. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of grace and freedom from the power and the weight of sin. Do you want to begin with a fresh start in life – a life of Christ? Get to confession, you're your sins absolved by the priest, then start anew by trusting in God's love and by submitting to his will and his plan for your life.

Friday, July 21 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8 Jesus was going through a field of grain on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the Sabbath and are innocent? I say to you, something greater than the temple is here. If you knew what this meant, *I desire mercy, not sacrifice*, you would not have condemned these innocent men. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Meditation: What does the commandment "keep holy the Sabbath" require of us as Christians and disciples of Christ? What is the primary intention behind this command? The religious leaders of the time confronted Jesus on this issue. The "Sabbath rest" was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his work, both in creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. Jesus' disciples are scolded by the scribes and Pharisees, not for plucking and eating corn from the fields, but for doing so on the Sabbath. In defending his disciples, Jesus argues from the scriptures that human need has precedence over ritual custom. In their hunger, David and his men ate of the holy bread offered in the Temple. Jesus also quoted of the Sabbath work involved in worship in the Temple. This kind of work was usually double the work of worship on weekdays. Jesus then quotes from the prophet Hosea (6:6): *I desire mercy, and not sacrifice*. While the claims of ritual sacrifice are important to God, mercy and kindness in response to human need are even more important.

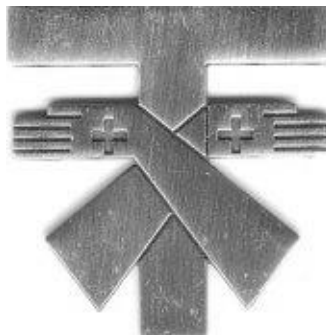
Prayer: O God, who for the glory of your name and the salvation of souls bestowed on the Priest Saint Lawrence of Brindisi a spirit of counsel and fortitude, grant, we pray, that in the same spirit, we may know what must be done and, through his intercession, bring it to completion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What a difference Sunday makes when it truly is a day of rest, a day to stop our labors and other unnecessary "busy-ness." For centuries Christian citizens have sought recognition in their respective nations of Sunday as a legal holiday, a day of rest from labor. This has been done, in part, by a concern for the rights of workers and their need for leisure. The Church lifts up the value of human work, seeing in it an imitation of God in His work of creation. At the same time, she insists on the need and the right to rest and on the right to have time for family and for worship. In our present age, a new social phenomenon has emerged: the weekend, which has altered the very character of Sunday. The weekend's impact on society has not been bad in all aspects, for it has brought opportunities for cultural and social events that, to some extent, can meet our human need for rest. But all too often our Sunday gets lost in the weekend. It gets left out of the planned activities or gets tucked in almost as an afterthought. In regard to this problem, Pope Saint John Paul II once wrote: "Unfortunately, when Sunday loses its fundamental meaning and becomes merely part of a 'weekend,' it can happen that people stay locked within a horizon so limited that they can no longer see 'the heavens.' Hence, though ready to celebrate, they are really incapable of doing so." When Sunday is forgotten, and we are left only with a weekend, events become strictly entertaining or just an extension of work. How do you spend your Sundays? Is it a day of worship and thanksgiving to God by first attending Mass? A day of rest? Or just another day of the week? It has always been up to us how we choose to spend our Sundays – let's make sure our choice is pleasing to God, and nourishing for our souls.

About Saint Lawrence of Brindisi: His name was Julius Caesar, and he was born at Brindisi in the kingdom of Naples in 1559. Educated in Venice at the College of St. Mark, he entered the Capuchins and was given the name Lawrence. Finishing his studies at the University of Padua, he showed a flair for languages, mastering Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French, and showed an extraordinary knowledge of the text of the Bible. While still a deacon, St. Lawrence of Brindisi became known as an excellent preacher and after his ordination startled the whole of northern Italy with his amazing sermons. Sent into Germany by the pope to establish Capuchin houses, he became chaplain to Emperor Rudolf II and had a remarkable influence on the Christian soldiers fighting the Muslims when they were threatening Hungary in 1601. Through his efforts, the Catholic League was formed to give solidarity to the Catholic cause in Europe. Sent by the emperor to persuade Philip III of Spain to join the League, he established a Capuchin friary in Madrid. He also brought peace between Spain and the kingdom of Savoy. His compassion for the poor, the needy, and the sick was legendary. Elected minister-general of his order in 1602, he made the Capuchins a major force in the Catholic Restoration, visiting every friary in the thirty-four provinces of the order and directing the work of nine thousand friars. He himself was a dominant figure in carrying out the work of the Council of Trent and was described by Pope Benedict XV as having earned "a truly distinguished place among the most outstanding men ever raised up by Divine Providence to assist the Church in time of distress." In 1619, he undertook a journey to see King Philip III of Spain on behalf of the oppressed people of Naples who were ruled by a tyrannical governor. Lawrence reached Lisbon where the king was residing, and it was there that his last illness overtook him. His body was carried back to Spain and buried in the church of the Poor Clares at Villafranca del Bierzo. Lawrence was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1881 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John XXIII in 1959.

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– Matthew 13:22

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Immigration Reform

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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.



Other Information to Note:

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

July 2023

For a Eucharistic life

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Attention St. Joseph Seniors!

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
12:00 p.m. Noon

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Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	23 de Julio	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	30 de Julio	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	6 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 2023

Por una vida eucarística.

Oremos para que los católicos pongan en el centro de su vida la celebración de la Eucaristía, que transforma profundamente las relaciones humanas y abre al encuentro con Dios y con los hermanos.



Horario de los Coros

23 de Julio	El Nuevo Sembrador
30 de Julio	Seguidores de Cristo
6 de Agosto	Mensajeros de Cristo
13 de Agosto	El Buen Pastor



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.

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$ 3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**

Notas Espirituales

La lluvia en la Biblia es una señal de la bendición de Dios. Los israelitas dependían del clima para la supervivencia. No hay río que riega el país como el Nilo hace en Egipto. El Jordán se encuentra por debajo del nivel del mar y no es una fuente adecuada de agua. Ellos dependen más de la lluvia. Isaías habla de la eficacia de la Palabra de Dios en la lectura de hoy. El uso de la imagen de la lluvia, que riega "la tierra, lo que es fértil y fructífera," nos dice que la palabra de Dios va a lograr "el fin para el cual la envié."

La agricultura era una parte muy importante del mundo de Jesús, y las imágenes de la siembra y la cosecha a menudo se encuentran en su enseñanza. En la parábola de hoy que se encuentra en los tres evangelios sinópticos-Jesús compara el reino de Dios a la acción de una semilla de siembra de sembrador. Aunque del mismo tipo de semilla es plantada en diversos lugares, sólo algunos producen una cosecha. Llamado frecuentemente "La Parábola del Sembrador," el énfasis de la parábola basada en la propia interpretación de Jesús, está en los diferentes tipos de tierra donde se siembra la semilla. El nos invita que escuchemos la palabra y la entiendan, para producir una buena cosecha. Debemos estar abiertos a recibir la palabra lo que nos permite echar raíces en nuestras vidas.

La carta de Pablo a los Romanos utiliza otra imagen familiar, el de una mujer embarazada: Toda la creación está gimiendo en las pinturas de mano de obra. "Historia continúa desarrollándose, y los seguidores de Jesús soportan el sufrimiento. Pero este sufrimiento es temporal, porque así como una semilla brota de una nueva vida, también lo vamos a experimentar un día "la redención de nuestro cuerpo," cuando el reino de Dios se realiza plenamente.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo se beneficia mi vida desde el don de la palabra de Dios? ¿Hay algunas veces en el "suelo" de mi vida que necesita ser cambiado antes de que pueda tener una cosecha abundante?



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