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## *MISSION STATEMENT*

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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July 20, 2025



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Saturday, July 20, 2025**

3:30 p.m. —Sacrament of Penance—church

**Memorials:**

Our main altar arrangement for July 20—26, 2025 has been donated for special intentions—Deloris Sherwood

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**In The Peace of Christ:**

Jeanne Carney

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

Question: Where did Mary and Joseph take young Jesus to hide him from King Herod?

Answer: Egypt

**PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE: By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman****Martha's Burdens**

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Mary's lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to His feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, He basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did He do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to Him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

A number of years ago, our parish added a new method where the people of St. Mary Our Mother could “On-Line Giving,” or “Electronic giving” or simply “E-giving,” and members of our parish’s Finance Council have fully endorsed this method for parish financial contributions and support. Electronic giving is an easy, safe, and secure way for you to provide consistent financial support for St. Mary Our Mother, and for our many ministry, school, and outreach initiatives. Since we began to offer this option to our parish members in May, 2016, more and more parishioners have begun using this effective and efficient method of making contributions to St. Mary Our Mother, just as one would do for other recurring payments like utility or mortgage payments. You can also choose to make contributions to any or all the special collections—Christmas and Easter, for example—that are taken up throughout the year.

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You can always make changes or stop the electronic transfers by contacting our parish business manager. You are also able to change your contribution amount at any time.

A word of thanks to those who use Electronic Giving for your support of St. Mary Our Mother. To participate in this convenient, simple and secure method of supporting our parish, please contact **Michelle Card**, our parish operations manager at the parish office. She will be happy to assist you.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday, July 21—Weekday**

6:45 A.M. Our faithful departed

**Tuesday, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene**

6:45 A.M. Mary Ann Poland-Scarselletta family

**Wednesday, July 23—Weekday**

6:45 A.M. Our faithful departed

**Thursday, July 24—Weekday**

Our faithful departed

**Friday, July 25—St. James, Apostle**

6:45 A.M. Margaret Voorhees-Stephen & Jackie Romanki

**Saturday, July 26—Weekday**

5:00 P.M. Robert Roberti—sister, Rita

**Sunday, July 27—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 A.M. Living and deceased members of the Pirozzolo families

10:30 A.M. Paul Wyak—his wife, Nan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Would you like to offer a Mass Intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person, or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intentions. Please call the parish office at 739-3817.

**Pastor's perspective continued:**

Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.

# Online Giving





## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly!

In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at His feet Listening to Him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus Himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me, "she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

**"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."**

Anne Frank spent nearly two years in hiding with her family during World II where she kept a diary chronicling what happened in the Secret Annex. Her entries offer great quotes and sayings that reveal her rich inner life and show that she never lost her faith in people even in one of modern history's darkest moments."

**"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."** Mark Twain must have believed he was born to offer pithy quips about life. He was a great observer of people and how they interact, and he incorporated these observations in his short stories, novels and essays.

## Devotions, Explained! St. Bridget Prayers

### St. Bridget Prayers, Explained!

St. Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373) was a noblewoman of the Middle Ages whose renowned mysticism centered on the passion of Christ. A mother of eight and an attendant at the royal court in Sweden, as a widow she founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, advocated for reform in the church and for the return of the Pope to Rome from France.

The St. Bridget Prayers refer to 15 prayers attributed to Bridget which evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

For many years, these prayers were associated with divine promises, though in 1954 the Catholic Church declared that it could not be said that these promises were of supernatural origin. The prayers themselves remain.

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**NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:**

**August 3-8:** "Journey to God Within: Reflections on the Wisdom of Teresa of Avila" Women Religious Retreat with Gillian Ahlgren

**August 22-24:** "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of Hope" Couples Retreat."

**September 9th:** "Incredible Journeys: Reflection on Pilgrimage" Men & Women, with Dr. Mike Wischnowski, Jennifer Hughes & Fr. Bill Graf.

**September 12-14:** "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of hope" Men's Retreat."

**Senior Luncheon Series:** "Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace"

**September 26-28:** "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of Hope" Women' Retreat".

**October 14th "Our Lady, the Angels and Their Mission for Our Time"**

**October 17th: Senior Luncheon Serie: "Stroke Prevention: BE FAST"**

**NEW FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

spaghetti  
elbow macaroni  
canned peas

Please bring your food items to the main vestibule and place them in the cart that is provided. Thank you!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE:**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits His friends, Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Mui

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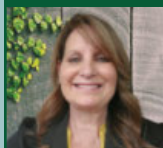
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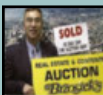


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