



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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 21, 2024



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Monday, July 22**

9:00 a.m.-.Vacation Bible School - school

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School - school

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a. m. - Vacation Bible School - school

Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m. -. Vacation Bible School - school

Saturday, July 26

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

STEWARDSHIP - Week ending July 7th-- \$9,393.95

Main altar arrangement for the week of July 14-20 was donated in memory of Gertrude and Lyle Johnson by daughter, Peggy.

Also:

Main altar arrangement for the week of July 21-27 has been donated in memory of Dorothy Pfaff with love from Susie and John Alexander.

IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:

Walter Ermold
Patricia Houck
Brenda Leigh Johnson
Stanley Kohan
Boyd Letts
Carol Lewis

**FINDING A CHURCH ON VACATION:**

It's summer time! Many of us will be vacationing and many will be looking for a Catholic church to attend Mass. To locate a Catholic church anywhere, log on to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Deserted Place

In one of my favorite shows, "Parks and Recreation," there is a scene where one of the characters, Jerry, is tasked with stuffing hundreds of envelopes with flyers as part of his volunteer work for a local city council campaign.

Jerry's efficient, almost mechanical completion of the job amazes his coworkers, who gather to watch in awe while he folds, inserts, seals, and stamps — over and over again. After several hours, the huge pile of envelopes is finally ready for mailing ... and Jerry realizes that he has stuffed them all with the wrong piece of paper.

"I always say, it ain't government work unless you do it twice," he quips as he restarts the task.

In any work, no matter how worthy or fulfilling it is, there is a point where the task transforms into mere routine. It can happen with anything: ministry, marriage, parenthood, even prayer. There is no shame in this. It doesn't mean that we don't enjoy these pursuits or feel passion for the mission inherent in them.

It only means that we are human, and we get tired.

When the Apostles return from their travels, Jesus recognizes their exhaustion. He encourages them to "come away to a deserted place." He inhabits a human body, so He knows the weariness to which it is subject. He knows what it is to be tired, to be hungry. He knows that it's hard to do the work when your body is failing you.

It's important for us to recognize those times when Jesus is calling us to a deserted place — and it's important for us to follow Him there, even if we are pursued by feelings of doubt and guilt, just as the Apostles were followed by crowds hungry for their ministry.

Solitude is not selfishness. Contemplation is not idleness. To withdraw does not mean to run away.

The work we do — whatever it is — deserves our whole strength. If we have lost that, there is only one place we are sure to find it again.

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'" — Mark 6:31

PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE:

A positive compliment I receive often from parishioners and visitors alike is the sense of hospitality and welcome people experience at St. Mary Our Mother. Recently, I read a quote from Diane Butler Bass, from her book “People’s History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story,” on the subject of hospitality. She wrote “Hospitality is the practice that keeps the Church from becoming a club, a members-only society.” Her quote reminds us that the Church is not an exclusive organization. Two of the meanings of the word “Catholic” is both “universal” and “all embracing.”

Father Richard Rohr, the well-known Franciscan priest and author, offers an insightful comment on this subject: “Practical, practice-based Christianity has been avoided, denied, minimized, ignored, delayed, and sidelined for too many centuries by too many Christians who were never told Christianity was anything more than a belonging or belief system. Now we know that there is no Methodist or Catholic way of loving. There is no Orthodox or Presbyterian way of living a simple and nonviolent life. There is no Baptist or Episcopalian way of visiting the imprisoned. If there is, we are invariably emphasizing the accidentals, which distract us from the very “morrow of the Gospel,” as St. Francis called it. We have made this mistake for too long. We cannot keep avoiding what Jesus actually emphasized and mandated. In this urgent time, “it is the very love of Christ that now urges us.” (2 Corinthians 5:14).

Quaker Pastor Philip Gulley summarizes how we must rebuild spirituality from the bottom up. In his book “If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus”, Rohr summarizes Gulley’s words to restate his message, offering us a description of the emerging Christianity which Pope Francis, among others, calls us to:

- 1. Jesus is a model for living more than an object of worship.
2. Affirming people’s potential is more important than reminding them of their brokenness.
3. The work of reconciliation should be valued over making judgments.
4. Gracious behavior is more important than right belief.
5. Inviting questions is more valuable than supplying answers.
6. Encouraging the personal search is more important than group uniformity..
7. Meeting actual needs is more important than maintaining institutions.
8. Peacemaking is more important than power.
9. We should focus more on love and less about sex.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful departed
Tuesday, July 23, Weekday
6:45 A.M. Special intention of Mary Lissy - Ann Gresock
Wednesday, July 24, Weekday
6:45 A.M. Deceased of the Curtin family - family
Thursday, July 25, St. James, Apostle
6:45 A.M. Mary Amisano - Mary Ellen Fraboni
Friday, July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
6:45 A.M. Margaret Bellizia - Family
Saturday, July 27, Weekday
5:00 P.M. Robert Roberti - sister, Rita
Sunday, July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Gene Harrison - Dobek’s
10:30 A.M. In thanksgiving on the 100th birthday of Roger Joy - his family

Pastor’s Perspective Continued:

10. Life in this world is more important than the after life (eternity is God’s work anyway).

Have a great week.. Please stay healthy, well, and safe. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.
.....Fr. L

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ’s new creation. How are we promoting peace and reconciliation? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord’s Table each week?

CATHOLIC HUMOR: find the answers at the bottom of page)

- 1. What do you call a Catholic priest who becomes a Lawyer?
2. Why can’t Catholics travel at light speed?
3. What’s the difference between a Roman and Irish Catholic?
4. Why can’t muggers catch Catholics during lent?

Answers: 1. A father -in-law. 2) Because they have mass. 3. The strength of the communion wine. 4. They fast.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:



July 24

Men and Women Retreat - Following Jesus in a Polarized World, with Fr. Aaron Wessman, G.H.M. (Sponsored by DOR Social Ministry)

August 15

Men and Women Retreat - -Bread of Life - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist.

August 23-25

Couples Retreat--Just As You Are--.Encountering God’s Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo.



The Food Pantry is requesting the following much needed food items: crackers (saltine or ritz type), cereals (oatmeal or cold cereals), and “frosting for cake mixes.”

The pantry is always in need of personal care items as they are not available from the Food Bank. This includes: body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine personal hygiene items. They cannot accept over the counter medicines or vitamins.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Grid of letters for a Bible word search.

- CHRISTMAS FAITH JOSEPH
CREATION ADAM ELIJAH
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ABRAHAM GOD DANIEL
GOLIATH JEW DAVID
ESTHER JACOB
HANNAH JESUS
GIDEON JONAH



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STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Feast Day: July 26

Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition—the stories people told about them.

We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

The beautiful shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada, is devoted to St. Anne, and in the Middle Ages numerous churches, chapels, and confraternities were dedicated to her. There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of Sts. Joachim and Anne when they lived in Jerusalem.

Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents.



DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with Him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. "Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!" And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling His frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, He calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest. But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied.— Father John Muir



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