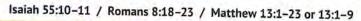
# Our Parish

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)





## Words, Words, and THE WORD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ur lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us.
Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's

word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, /achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked

off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for.

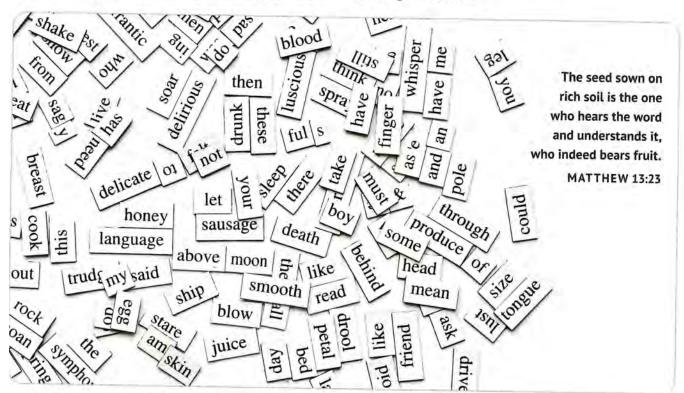
Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more

likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome

it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word.

Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness.

Reflect
Which passage of
Scripture would you
choose as a motto
for your life?



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JULY 15 & 16,2023

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

## **Mass Intentions:**

Saturday, July 15 4pm - 🕆 Fr. Gregory Lyttle by Parish

Sunday, July 16, 11am - (SI) Manuel Franco by Family

Tuesday, July 18, 6pm - 🕆 Souls in Purgatory by Maria Franco

Thursday, July 20, Noon - Tranco Gregory by Franco Family

Saturday, July 22, 4pm - & Fr. Gregory Lyttle by Parish

Sunday, July 23, 11am - (SI) Charlie Larkin by Nancy & Phillip Larkin

## **Upcoming Church Events**

Sun, Jul 16, Youth Ministry Summer Social

(after Mass)
9:45 am RCIA Information session

Tue, Jul 18, 6:30 pm Finance Council

Meeting

<u>Fri, Jul 21, Silent Adoration (Princeton)</u> Sun, Jul 23, Seminarian Send off - Pot Luck

dinner after Mass

Tues, Jul 25, No Mass., Fr. Sebastian at

tribunal training

6:00 pm Knitting Class

Tue, Aug 1, 6:00 pm LitNic at Modena home Sat, Aug 5, 7:00 am Altar Society Yard Sale Tue, Aug 8, 6:00 pm LitNic at Prayer Garden Tue, Aug 15, 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Abbreviated meeting)

Sun, Aug 13, 9:45 am RCIA Information

session

Sun, Aug 20, Parish Picnic after Mass

Wed, Sep 6, 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting Sun, Sep 17, Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner

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The Hillyer family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and food during the loss of Jimmy's mother, Shirley Hillyer. We are so thankful for the love and support of our Sacred Heart.







Schedule:

<u>Faith Formation</u>

(Activities)

Jul 18, 25

**Youth Sunday:** 

**Youth Ministry:** 

Jul 16 Jul 19 Aug 20



The Rosary Series: July 25 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Pray the Rosary - The Rosary Series focuses on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and how to pray the Rosary. This series has five activities: Pray the Rosary; Joyful Mysteries; Luminous Mysteries; Sorrowful Mysteries; and Glorious Mysteries. A patch can be earned for completion of each activity.



Faith Series: July 18 Noon - 1:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration - Eucharistic Adoration is when Jesus, in the form of the Consecrated Host, is placed inside the Monstrance in a clear window for us to see. It is a special time of prayer before the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. Adoration is showing that we know God is truly God, our Savior, and the creator of everything that exists and that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

## **Youth Ministry**

Sunday, July 16th

**Following Mass** 

We will carpool to the Modena home after Mass. This is a family social event, siblings and parents are welcome to join.

Reach out to Lorin for details and to RSVP:

540-529-6495.



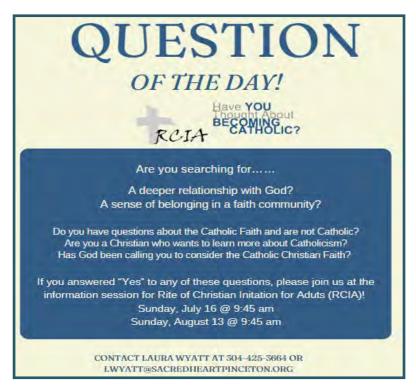


Bible study nights with our Teens

July 19

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What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination — a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

#### Women's Prayer Group

Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

#### Men's Group

First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

## This week on Formed



#### Saint Mary Magdalene

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Music for July 15 & 16, 2023

Mass of Christ the Savior Mass Readings on pg. 304 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G593
"I want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Presentation of Gifts: G760 "Christ has No Body Now But Yours"

Communion: G949 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Closing Hymn: G835
"They'll Know We Are

Christians"



Goal: \$19,510 Raised: \$12,605 Gifts: 34 65% of Goal

	weekend	YTD	YTD
	Jul 8-9	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	3,252.00	93,202.59	89,600.00
Loose Offertory	272.00	4,593.10	2,700.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,524.00	\$ 97,795.69	\$ 92,300.00
Youth Ministry	375.00	375.00	0.00
Memorial Contributions	198.00	198.00	0.00
Dioc: Peter's Pence	5.00	739.00	500.00
Dioc: Camp. for Human	50.00	100.00	500.00
Dev.			
Attendance:	4pm: 40	11am: 120	

#### Second collection: July 16 Catholic Communications Campaign

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.

#### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www. usccb.org/cchd

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

## July Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
July	M Tinio	M Flanigan	M Gaspersich	N/A	C Pace	J Choate
15		K Bailey				
4 pm		V Manley				
July	C Cofer	D Richardson	Blankenship	W Picknally	M Tupta	
16		H Cofer			A Albin	
11 am		M Shay			M Rieger	
July	G Saffell	K Bailey	C Prox	N/A	M Tupta	T Settle
22		V Manley				
4 pm		C Pace				
July	D LaMothe	K Suehs	J Hickman	K Hickman	D Richardson	
23		Y Suehs			A Coleman	
11 am		W Picknally			A Rieger	
July	M Gaspersich	V Manley	J Gaspersich	N/A	C Pace	S Pace
29		K Bailey				
4 pm		D Richardson				
July	L Albin	A Heltzel	S Neri	W Picknally	T Byron	
30		G Cosgrove		_	G Kaklis	
11 am		J Cosgrove			E Coleman	

## Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

**Parishioners:** 

Catherine Belcher Ruth Boyd Deloris Caccamo Ron Ciccolini Romulo DelaRosa Dale & Mary Lu Geiger Angie Grbac

Cynthia & Gordon Harmon

Cyndi Jones Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton Christina Laxton Robert Laxton Kaitlyn Laxton Keith Laxton Jim Lintz

Jim & Diane Luciano

Tanya Marx Jaelynn Mendoza Annette Morgan Dr. Jun Neri Patricia Nester

Esther Piconi Alan Rieger Vivian Romano Deborah Saffell Jacob Santon Gareth Settle Felomina Yongque Carrie Yurkovich Jane Walthall



## Friends and Family

.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)

Mary Berentes,

Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)

John Bowers

John Caccamo (brother of Pat)

Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)

Irene Charney

Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills) Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)

Linda Cunningham

Kimiko Fettro (friend of Bill Picknally)

David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)

Kyle Geiger Mike Goff

Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)

Myles Harris Velma Hartwell

Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)

Brenda Ivelise

Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)

Langan Family

Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)

Richard Lockhart

John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)

Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)

Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)

Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)

Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)

Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),

Rex Neely Agnes Sedi

Sherry Sisk

Bryan Staten

Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)

Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)

Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick &Laura Wyatt)

## In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office (304) 425-3664

**Bluefield Parish Office** (304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman (304) 920-2440

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion - the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively

## STEP-BY-STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS By Fr. Luke Spannagel



### Part 3. Do This in Remembrance of Me: Silence before Mass

When we come to Mass, we recall the graces of our Baptism, genuflect to acknowledge Jesus truly present, and then we make our way to our seat. What is next? How about one of the best things churches were designed for? If there is a little time before Mass begins, some moments of prayer will help prepare you for the graces of the Mass.

### **Early Foundation**

When I was growing up, I don't remember our family having many rules for us kids to follow. One that definitely stands out is the expectation regarding when we should be in church as a family. Mass was at 8:00 on Sunday morning, and my dad made it very clear that he expected us all to be seated together in the pew by 7:50 am. (Pew is the name for the long bench seats in churches.) Was it so we could get our preferred seat? I doubt it, since everyone in our small country church had our regular places! Looking back now on what dad modeled for us, I realize that the purpose of those ten minutes before Mass was for us to settle in, pray and prepare. I often think about what a great gift dad gave me by making it clear that attending Sunday Mass together was the top priority for our family.

## **How to Prepare**

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass (GIRM, no. 45). During this time before Mass, you can recall all the great gifts and graces God has given you since you last came to church. This silence also provides the opportunity to reflect on the generosity of our loving Father and to prepare to thank him in the worship of the Mass. In addition to thankfulness, you might also recognize any needs you have—you might talk to God about any difficulties, stresses, or anxieties you are experiencing and offer them to the Lord, asking for his help and grace.

It can be difficult to enter into this time of silence to help prepare for Mass, especially if we have not yet made it a habit. If you are short on time, Charles Belmonte encourages you to pray on the way to Mass. He writes, "Prepare your soul for Communion with acts of love of God. Make acts of contrition and atonement...pray for the priest that he may truly minister to the needs of the parish. Pray for the congregation...pray that you may understand what you yourself will be taught at Mass" (*Understanding the Mass*, pg. 38). Belmonte goes on to also encourage using a missal or missalette to review the readings [1] and prayers of the Mass ahead of time. Being familiar with these will also help you to be more attentive and unite your personal prayer more fruitfully with the Mass.

#### Intentions

One tradition you may not be aware of is the opportunity personally to offer an intention for each Mass we participate in, asking that the graces we receive from the Mass be applied to someone who might need them or to a particular situation. As he prays the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest offers the Mass for a public intention (usually published in the bulletin or announced). Those present are also able to offer a private intention by uniting with the prayers at the altar. For example, you might make an intention for your family to grow in love, the health of a friend, the soul of a deceased relative, reconciliation for a strained relationship, peace in the world, or a greater recognition of the dignity of all life. In addition to assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ, praying about an intention for the Mass is also a great way to help us be more attentive to the prayers and readings and to receive more fully the fruits of the Mass.

Give yourself a goal of arriving at church a bit earlier, and take the challenge of spending a little time in prayer before Mass. In addition to the suggestions above, any of our classic prayers or even composing a prayer of your own is a great way to help prepare your heart for the celebration of the Mass. In our time, when everything can be so busy and hurried, I often think of my dad's great wisdom in giving the family a few extra minutes of quiet preparation.

#### For Reflection:

- 1. Before you next participate in Mass, pray with the invitation the Lord gives us in these verses: "Be still and know that I am God!" (Ps. 46:10) and "Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!" (Ps. 62:8). Keep these verses in mind as you bring the fruits of this time of prayer to your preparation before Mass in the church.
- 2. Do you arrive at Mass with others, such as family members or friends? Discuss the importance of having time for prayerful preparation before Mass and decide what time you want to be at church.

#### Note:

This is one part of a series published in the Heart of the Revival Newsletter.

## Dear Padre,

I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First. there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is

the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread.

Mt 11:25-27





It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

> ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 12, 2020



MONDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
July 17	July 20	July 22
Weekday	Weekday	St. Mary Magdalene
Ex 1:8-14, 22	Ex 3:13-20	Sg 3:1-4b or
Mt 10:34-11:1	Mt 11:28-30	2 Cor 5:14-17
TUESDAY	FRIDAY	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
July 18	July 21	SUNDAY
Weekday	Weekday	July 23
Ex 2:1-15a	Ex 11:10-12:14	Sixteenth Sunday
Mt 11:20-24	Mt 12:1-8	in Ordinary Time
WEDNESDAY		Wis 12:13, 16-19
July 19		Rom 8:26-27
Weekday		Mt 13:24-43 or
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12		Mt 13:24-30

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