

Assumption Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022



Ask and you will receive

Seek and you will find

Knock and the door
will be opened to you

LUKE 11:9

May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do we pray with joy and confidence? The Jews were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the Rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. It was also a custom for Rabbis to teach their disciples a simple prayer they might use on a regular basis. Jesus' disciples ask him for such a prayer (Luke 11:1-4). When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father (Matthew 11:27). In the Lord Jesus Christ, we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God (John 1:12-13; 3:3).

Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his atoning death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same. Jesus' prayer includes a petition that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us (Matthew 6:14-15). God's grace frees us from every form of anger, resentment, envy, and hatred. Are we ready to forgive others as the Lord Jesus forgives us?

Readings for Next Sunday,

July 31, 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

† Saints of the Week: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone 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 Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly.

Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone.

St. Martha is the patron saint of cooks, homemakers and restaurant servers. Martha, Mary and Lazarus together of the patron saints of siblings.



Feast Day: July 29

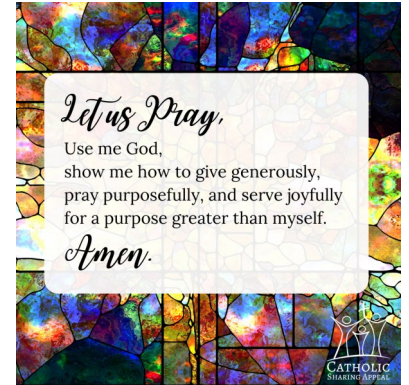


The 2022 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) continues, with our parish currently at 40% of its goal of \$18,140. Once we pass 50 percent, all dollars donated will come back to our parish.

So what happens to the first 50 percent? Those dollars remain at the Diocese to support Catholic education, evangelization, and outreach efforts at parishes and schools around the state. Last year, part of those Diocese funds were designated for Technology Upgrade grants available to any parish of school who applied. Our parish received one of those grants to purchase the necessary equipment to allow us to livestream Mass online or at St. Mary's Hall when the occasion arises.

For 2022, the parish portion of our Catholic Sharing Appeal donations will be used to upgrade the air conditioning in St. Mary's Hall and sealing our parking lots.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who have already supported this year's campaign. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please complete the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website at dwc.org/csa. Your support today can help us reach our goal!



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 23	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Herman Wise	Jean Harber
		Soul of Helen Holder.....	Donald & Rebecca Saville and Marsha Gifford
Sunday, July 24	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bonnie Whetzel.....	Marvin Whetzel
		Soul of Dorothy Bodkin.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
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Saturday, July 30	4:00 p.m.	Soul of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Daniel Labonte.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, July 31	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Joe Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
		Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey

Reminder...there are no weekday Masses while Fr. Thomas is on vacation.



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Judy Davis*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Larry Hinkle, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Eileen Passauer*, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (July 24) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship!

Thanks to the Ladies Guild for hosting this event!

Collections & Attendance

July 16-17, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....\$2,651

Loose Donations.....\$434

Total.....\$3,085

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Communications Campaign &
Campaign for Human Development.....\$416

Attendance

Saturday, 7/16.....75

Sunday, 7/17.....66

Total.....141

Thank you



Piano Lessons Being Offered

Our Parish Music Director, Linda Davis-Kyle, is accepting students for piano lessons beginning this fall. Students can be any age and the lessons can be taught in St. Mary's Hall.

Linda is a retired teacher and has been involved in church music ministry since she was a young girl. For more information, contact Linda at 301-707-4215.

This Week at Assumption Parish

Sign Up for Weekly Emails

Parish announcements are sent by email each week. If you are not receiving them, please call or email the Parish Office to be added to the distribution list.

Also, the bulletin is mailed by USPS to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and do not have internet access. If you know someone who would like to receive the bulletin by mail, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 30

Lector: Kenny Brant
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
EM: Alan Taylor
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, July 31

Lector: Sally Maybury
Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore
EM: Pam Williams
Cantor: Nancy Starcher
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, August 6

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Meredythe Barrick
Cantor: to be named
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, August 7

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: James & Tess Maybury and Nick McKenzie
EM: Nancy Starcher
Cantor: to be named
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

*Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.*

PSALM 138

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