

JULY 8 & 9, 2023  
14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

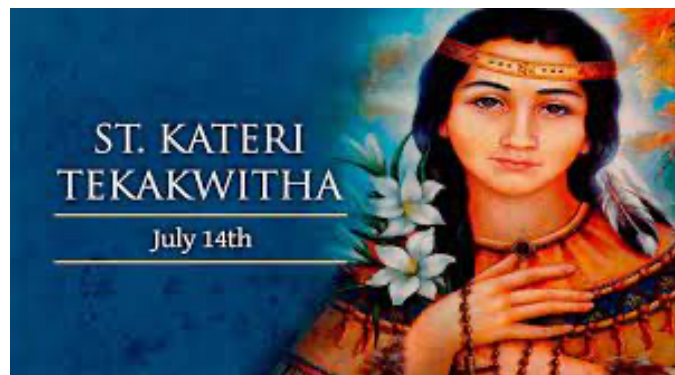


Today's Reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



## **MEXICAN FOOD SALE**

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

FROM 11AM – 5PM

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
255 SOUTH HAROLD STREET, FORT BRAGG, CA.  
(CHURCH GROUNDS)

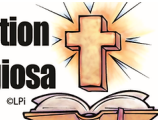
COME EAT, HAVE FUN AND HELP SUPPORT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (707) 964-0229.

### **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

WE NEED DONATIONS OF CANS OF SODA AND BOTTLES OF WATER TO SELL FOR OUR MEXICAN FOOD SALE ON JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>. DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE RECTORY. HELP US MAKING THIS FINDERASER A SUCCEFUL EVENT. THANK YOU!

## **Religious Education Educación Religiosa**



### **REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM CLASSES 2023-2024 OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH**

ENROLLMENT DATES:

FRIDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> 11:30am - 1:00pm  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR FIRST COMMUNION, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.

CONFIRMATION:  
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING  
COPIES OF BAPTISMAL AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY  
THE DAY OF REGISTRATION.  
(COMPLETED AND WITH PAYMENT)

\$75/CHILD AND \$65 /SECOND CHILD

**FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION:  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30PM – 6:30PM.**

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT VERONICA RENTERIA:  
707-357-2890 OR THE PARISH OFFICE: 707-964-0229.



## **Free Summer Sewing Classes for OLCG Youth**

Space is still available.

Sign up now for free summer sewing classes! All ages of youth and children welcome.

Two dates are available for you to choose from.  
July 25-28 or August 1-4  
Time: 9:00am -11:00am

Place: OLCG School, Classroom #4  
Please contact Kathleen Kasperson at 707-513-5672  
as soon as possible to reserve a spot for your child.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**JULY 8 - 14, 2023**

Saturday (08)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Antonio Furtado †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martin & Raquel Dzul † Diego Barajas (birthday) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (09)	8:00am	Natalia Sousa †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (10)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (11)	12:05pm	Earl Dahl †
Wednesday (12)	12:05pm	Antonio Furtado †
Thursday (13)	12:05pm	Cuco, Gabriel & Isidro Yáñez †
Friday (14)	12:05pm	Yolanda Cazares †

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

JULY 1 & 2, 2023...\$2,293.00  
LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$820.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
MAINTENANCE FUND  
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
PETER'S PENCE**

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Please be generous. For more information, visit  
[www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**



## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

## **LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Nina & Gina Pivrotto, Ma. de Jesús Mendoza, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



*Fundraiser*

## OUR 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CHICKEN BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
FROM 11AM – 5PM OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!  
YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR CHURCH BY:**

- SIGN-UP FOR 2 HOURS VOLUNTEER HELP.  
(SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH OR LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW AT 707-964-0229)

- TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS: BUY TICKETS TO DONATE TO LARGER FAMILIES; BUY KID'S GAME TICKETS AND/OR CASH/CHECK DONATIONS TO OFF-SET COSTS OF FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT.

- FOR SET-UP CREW ON SATURDAY, 8/5 (9AM - 1PM)  
~ WE'LL FEED YOU!

- CLEAN-UP CREWS: SUNDAY, 8/6 (6PM – 9PM) AND MONDAY, 8/7 (5PM).

**THE MORE HANDS, THE EASIER THE WORK.**

- NICE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION: PATIO FURNITURE; FRAMED ARTWORK; NEW SMALL APPLIANCES; GIFT BASKETS; GIFT CERTIFICATES; "WHAT YOU CAN THINK OF THAT FOLKS WILL BID MONEY ON?" PLEASE CONTACT ANGELENE LEIST TO DONATE 707-513-5579 OR 707-964-3775.

- CANS OF SODA & 2 LITER SODAS AND/OR CASES OR BOTTLES OF WINE FOR WINE WHEEL.

- HOMEMADE DESSERTS FOR DESSERT TABLE. PLEASE BRING TO THE HALL BEFORE 11AM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>.

PLEASE MAKE DONATION CHECKS TO: **OLGC BBQ 2023**

~ALL DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE RECTORY~

**THANK YOU!**



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

*Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.*

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new

giving page at [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).

*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!*

*If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.*



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS

TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.