



# Assumption Catholic Church

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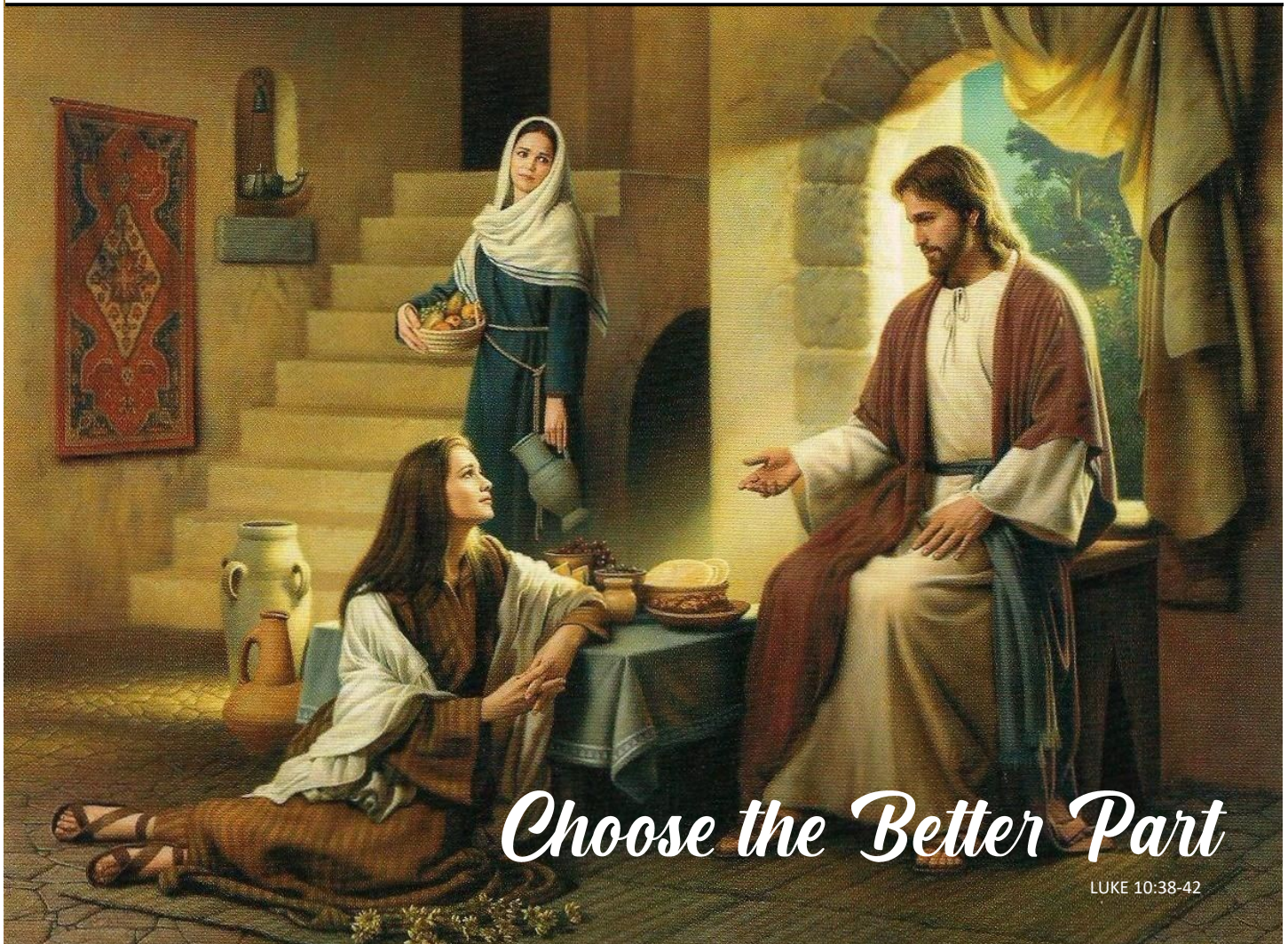
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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 20, 2025**



## Choose the Better Part

LUKE 10:38-42

*May you find Christ here...may you take 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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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.



## Sunday Reflection: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part..." In this Sunday's Gospel, we are introduced to two sisters, Martha and Mary. Both loved Jesus deeply, but they expressed that love in different ways. Martha welcomed Jesus into her home and busied herself with the tasks of hospitality. Mary, on the other hand, sat at Jesus' feet, listening to His words. Martha was active, practical, and generous—but distracted. Mary was calm, attentive, and prayerful. Jesus did not criticize Martha's service, but He gently pointed out that she was anxious and overwhelmed. Mary, by choosing to focus on Jesus and His word, had chosen "the better part."

This Gospel invites us to examine the balance between action and contemplation in our own lives. Many of us are like Martha—always doing, organizing, helping. These are good things. But if we are not careful, we may forget the "one thing necessary": to be with the Lord. In our busy world, we often prioritize doing over being. But Jesus reminds us that our relationship with Him must come first. Prayer, silence, and listening are not luxuries—they are essential. From that place of spiritual grounding, all our service gains meaning. This week, let us try to be more like Mary. Let us spend quiet time with Jesus—in prayer, in Scripture, or in Eucharistic Adoration. And let us also honor Martha's example by offering our service with a peaceful and centered heart. True discipleship involves both—serving like Martha and listening like Mary. But the heart of our life as Christians must always be rooted in Christ's presence. Let us choose "the better part," and it will not be taken from us.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

July 27, 2025

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

## Saint of the Week... St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude.

Source: catholic.org



Feast Day: July 22



Chuck\* & Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo

Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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## Why the Color Green for Ordinary Time?

Prayer involves all of our senses. It involves being alive to touches of God's grace everywhere around and within us. Color in a church is more than decoration. In public worship, it has a role similar to music, art and architecture of a church — to teach, to inspire, to help gather our thoughts.

Green is used as a liturgical color during the weeks known as Ordinary Time. Generally, this period of time occurs from the end of the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent, and from the end of the Easter season until the beginning of Advent. Far from being a filler between other liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time has its own meaning, signified by its own color.

The word "ordinary" has a rich meaning, far beyond the usual understanding of humdrum, commonplace or everyday. The word has its source in a Sanskrit word, which entered into Latin as the verb *orior*, meaning to rise up. The word for "east" in Latin, *oriens*, conveys the same rich meaning: It indicates the rising of the sun. Hence, Ordinary Time is, for Catholics, the opportunity to allow the Lord to stir up our faith, to allow our spirits to rise and to grow in our spiritual life.

The color green brings this meaning to the fore, since it is a color that evokes life and growth.

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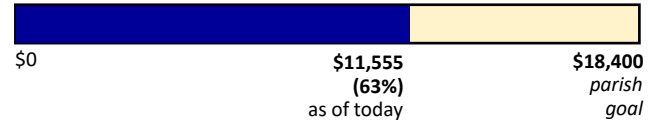


## It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (July 20) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month.



## Assumption Parish



We are already past the 50% mark, so that means all future donations come back to our parish! Please return the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website listed below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office.

[www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate](http://www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate)

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 19	4::00 pm	Soul of Donald Wagoner.....	Mary Wagoner
		Soul of Brian Alt.....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		The Delilo, DiCesare & Felice families.....	Palma & Dino Devic
Sunday, July 20	8:30 am	Soul of Linda Lupis .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
Monday, July 21	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 22	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 23	No Mass		
Thursday, July 24	No Mass		
Friday, July 25	No Mass		
Saturday, July 26	4::00 pm	Souls of Krista Kay Taylor and Krista Ann Taylor .....	Alan Taylor
		Soul of Augustus Jackson .....	Linda Marsh & Flo Welch
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, July 27	8:30 am	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner .....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Fr. Thomas.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

*Note: There will be no weekday Masses this week.*

*Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.*

## VIRTUS Monthly Bulletin

Copies of the VIRTUS (Safe Environment) July bulletin is available in the vestibule. Many of you receive these by email, but we are required to provide paper copies as part of our Safe Environment compliance.



## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### **Saturday, July 26**

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: Sue Harber, Alan Taylor & Morgan Gustafson  
EMs: Norma Clark, Karen Yowler (c), Kathy Finnell (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

### **Sunday, July 27**

Lector: Michael Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie & Pippa Dolechek  
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Dave Minnich (c), Nancy Starcher (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

### **Saturday, August 2**

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Katie Kuhn, John Gustafson (c), Cathy Pardee (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

### **Sunday, August 3**

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EMs: Pam Williams, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

### **Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

July 24 Cindy Alt  
July 31 Joanne Stickle

