



Our Parish Community

July 20, 2025

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

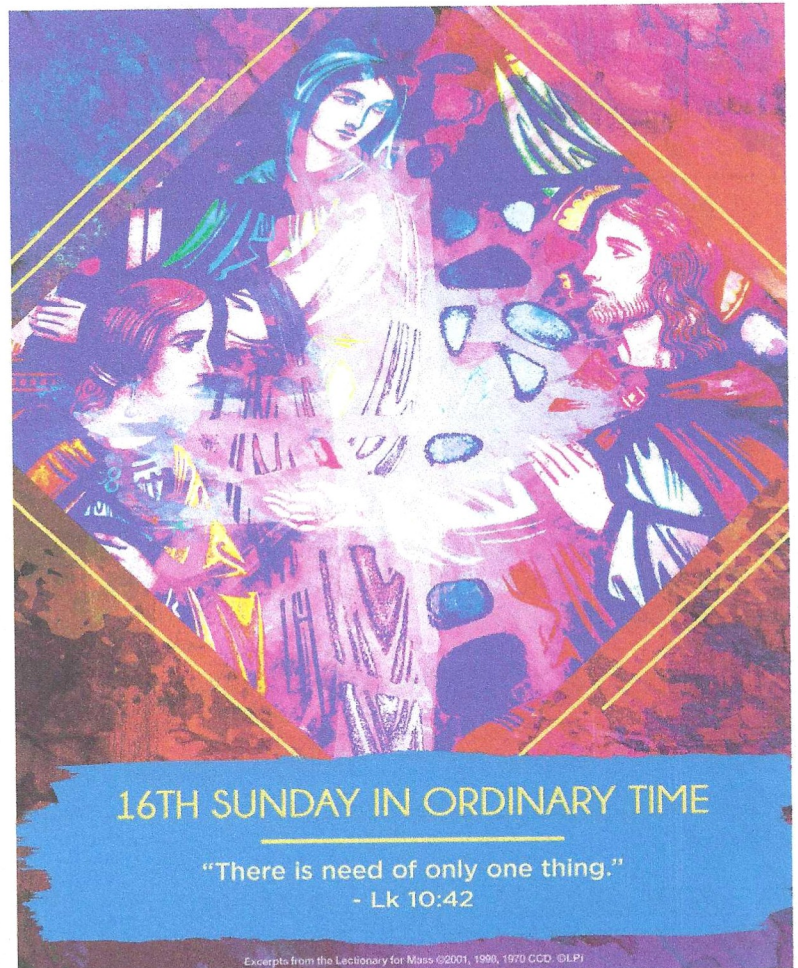
We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many “Marthas” — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday:	St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
Friday:	St. James, Apostle
Saturday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Office Hours :

Monday-Thursday:

9:00am-5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Masses

Mon-5:30pm

Tues-5:30pm

Wed - 9:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 2:30PM-3:30PM,

Mon -Tuesday 5pm, Wednesday 8:30 AM or
by appointment.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19- JULY 27

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 4:00 PM: +JOAN LIEBNER, +ELVIRA MAR,
+MARTINIANO FLORES

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 11:00AM: +MUNDO MONTERO, 65TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF C.DANIEL & BARBARA ZOELLER, HEALTH OF FA-
THER RUDY

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN
GARCIA, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR LA CONVERSION DE
LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGEL, MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRIS-
TIANO CATOLICO USA.

MONDAY, JULY 21, 5:30 PM: +JOAN LIEBNER, +LEE CLARK

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 5:30 PM: +LEE CLARK

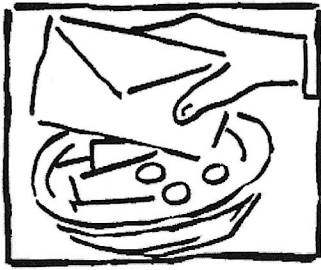
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 9:00AM: +LEE CLARK, +KATHLEEN
O'SHEA

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 4:00PM: +MANUEL LOZANO, +MANUELA
LOZANO, +RUBEN LOZANO, +ROSA LOZANO

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 11:00AM: +SANTOS PINEDO, JR., +JESUS GUIA

1:00PM: +ANITA ROQUE DE SANTIAGO, +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA,
+ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, ALMAS DEL PURGA-
TORIO, POR LA CONVERSION DE LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGEL,
CUMPLEANOS DE EVA HERNANDEZ

Mass Intentions—Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradi-
tion in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are ob-
tained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls
in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birth-
day. Please call the Church Office at **(830) 995-3708** to offer a Mass Intention or
for more information. Deadline is every **Tuesday by 12pm.**



Offering Totals

July 19 & July 20

General Offerings: \$6,553.77

Second Collections : \$3,758.00

Online Giving : \$405.00

Children's offerings: \$39.00

Thank you for your support!

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Second Collection:

Peters Pence

June 29, 2025

July 20, 2025

Stewards Follow

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."

COLOSSIANS 1:25

Stewards are called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



Mass

Saturday, July 12

4:00 pm

123

Sunday, July 13

11:00 am

117

1:00 p.m.

230

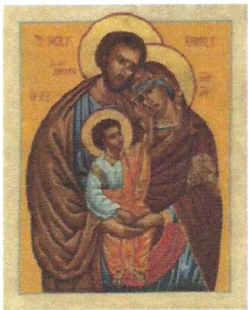
Precious little is revealed about the life of Jesus before his public ministry. Matthew, in his Gospel, recounts only the genealogy of Jesus, his birth, the visit of the Magi, and the escape to Egypt and subsequent return to Nazareth. The Gospels of Mark and John begin with the preaching of John the Baptist and do not address the Infant or the Child Jesus at all. In contrast, Luke describes not only Jesus' birth, but also that of John the Baptist, and he is the only Gospel writer who tells of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple at eight days, as well as him teaching in the Temple at age twelve.

We can only wonder what it was like for a child to be born and then grow into the knowledge that he is God's Son! Nevertheless, there are lessons to be learned even from the little we do know, as well as insights to be gained through our knowledge – however limited – of the Nature of God.

About ten years ago, writers Cyrus and Betsy Nowrasteh mused about Jesus as a child and wrote a script that became a film, The Young Messiah. Most of the writing is fiction, out of necessity, yet none is inconsistent with Christian teaching, and it offers opportunities for us to be enlightened on the qualities that surely must have been part of Jesus' life as he grew.

To begin, the Holy Family is depicted as exactly that, a family, which includes extended family as well. Joseph's concern for the well-being and safety of Mary and Jesus shines through, as does the affection they have for one another. We know so very little about Joseph, and yet it might be well to remember that he was, after all, betrothed to Mary, and certainly must have loved her very much. His acceptance of God's plan would not have taken away that love and affection, however differently it would have been expressed.

Luke's text, "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him," (Luke 2:40) can help us realize that Jesus was not born with an adult mind. He grew into the knowledge that God was his father, that he was endowed with supernatural power, and that obedience to his Heavenly Father would guide everything he did. Jesus came to know his father through prayer and reflection and in the ways God revealed himself to his Son. Is that not how we come to know God? We grow in that knowledge through lessons and experience, with guidance from others and insights from God. There is an expression: "We are made in the appearance of God, and we become his likeness." Knowledge of God, both immanent and transcendent, takes time and effort, and we have before us the perfect models in Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



The Blessed Trinity is the supreme example of Christian living, and parallels can be drawn from the Holy Family and reflected in each of us. Attributes of the Trinity help point the way.

- The Three Persons are of the same essence.
- There is inter-penetration (perichoresis) among them, in that each is completely aware of the thoughts and actions of the others.
- They share the ultimate bond of love.
- They have among them the same purpose.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, while not of the same essence, nor always aware of the thoughts and actions of each other, lived an inexplicable bond of love, and they – without a doubt – were of the same purpose. What about us? This Pentecost we were given several analogies to shed light on the concept of 3 in 1. One example was that, within each of us, there exists a trinity of one: our body, soul, and spirit. And when all three are in concert, we are at peace; when not, we are in conflict. God, in his infinite wisdom, not only gave us himself, he also showed us the perfect model to inspire our lives: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. What will we learn from them?



In the first reading, Abraham and Sarah offer hospitality to three travelers, one of whom foresees a momentous event. For Paul, the momentous event is Christ winning us salvation, salvation that is offered to all. In the Gospel, sisters Martha and Mary offer hospitality to Jesus, but take on different roles while he visits. Let us show God's word hospitality, listening attentively and prayerfully.

En la primera lectura, Abraham y Sara les ofrecen hospitalidad a tres viajeros; uno de ellos prevé un acontecimiento transcendental. Para Pablo el acontecimiento transcendental es Cristo, que nos ganó la salvación, la salvación ofrecida a todos.



En el Evangelio, las hermanas Marta y María le ofrecen hospitalidad a Jesús, pero cada una de ellas toma un papel diferente durante la visita de él. Demostremosle hospitalidad a la palabra de Dios escuchando atenta y fervientemente.

Please pray for/Rezamos por:

Elodia Garcia
Manuel Lozano
Santos Pinedo
Antonia Rosales
Javier Rosales
Caleb Allen
Ed Melcher
Angelica Arreola
Manuela Garcia
Rogelio Castro



(If you would like to add a name on the list, please email shc.ofc@outlook.com/ Si usted quiere añadir un nombre, favor de mandar un email at: shc.ofc@outlook.com)

Announcements/Anuncios

We are grateful to all the priest who came to say mass for us while Fr. Rudy is on vacation. May God bless them for their generosity.

All Finance Council members are reminded of their next meeting which will be on Monday, July 21st at 6:30 in the rectory conference room.

We need fundraisers for our Capital Campaign. If you can do one after Sunday mass, please contact the office.

All Building Committee members are reminded of their next meeting which will be on Tuesday, July 22nd, at 6:30pm in Hilscher Hall.

Beware of text or emails supposedly coming from Fr. Rudy asking for you to purchase some kind of card. This is a scam. He will never ask you to do something like this.

The next festival meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Agradecemos a los sacerdotes que vinieron a celebrar misa por nosotros mientras el P. Rudy está de vacaciones. Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.

Se recuerda a todos los miembros del Concilio de Finanzas que su próxima reunión será el lunes 21 de julio a las 6:30 en la sala de conferencias de la rectoría.

Necesitamos ventas para nuestra Campaña Capital. Si puedes hacer uno después de la misa del domingo, por favor contacta a la oficina.

Se recuerda a todos los miembros del Comité de Construcción sobre su próxima reunión que será el martes 22 de julio a las 6:30 p.m. en Hilscher Hall.

Tenga cuidado con mensajes de texto o correos electrónicos que supuestamente vienen del Padre Rudy pidiéndole que compre algún tipo de tarjeta. Esto es una estafa. Él nunca le pedirá que haga algo así.

La próxima reunión del festival está programada para el martes 29 de julio, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 5:30

Baptism/ Bautizos	Baptisms will only be celebrated for registered members of the parish. Children over the age of 6 are required to attend catechism classes in order to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.	Solo se celebran bautizos para los hijos de los miembros registrados de la parroquia. Mayores a 6 años deberán de asistir a clases de catecismo antes de recibir el sacramento.
Communion/ Primera Communion	Children: Are required to attend a 2 year program. Youth and Adults: must attend 1 year of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).	Niños: Deberán de asistir a programa de preparación para la primera comunión por 2 años. (Jóvenes y adultos: Deberán de asistir a un programa de RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) por 1 año.
Confirmation/ Confir- macion	Youth: attend a 2-year Catechism program, usually begins in grade 9. Adults: attend RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for 1 year.	Jóvenes: Deberán de asistir a un programa de preparación por 2 años. Adultos: Deberán de asistir a un programa de RICA por 1 año.
Marriage/ Matrimonio	You must contact the office 6 months prior to the desired date of marriage and schedule a meeting.	Deberá de iniciar el trámite al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada llamando a la oficina de la iglesia para agendar una entrevista inicial.
Anointing of the Sick/ Uncion de los enfer- mos	Please call the office to schedule an appointment with the Priest.	Favor de llamar a la oficina de la iglesia para agendar una visita de un sacerdote.

Quinceaneras-Must be attending catechism classes 1year prior to celebration. Call the office 1 year in advance for availability . 830 995-3708.

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **“one necessary thing.”** He praises her for she **“has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42).** Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir