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July 27, 2025 • The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 3 Summer saints you've probably never heard of



*Daniel Esparza —  
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Summer may feel like the Church's quiet season, tucked between Easter joy and autumn solemnities. But scattered across July and August are **feast days for saints who lived extraordinary, often unex-**

**pected lives** — some hidden, some strange, all rooted in grace. These lesser-known figures offer surprising insights into what holiness looks like, even when the sun is hot and the pace is slow.

Here are three summer saints whose stories might just shift your understanding of sanctity:

### **St. Christina the Astonishing ~July 24**

Born in 12th-century Belgium, Christina is perhaps one of the strangest saints in Catholic history. After suffering a seizure and appearing to die at age 21, **she stunned mourners by levitating from her coffin during her own funeral Mass**. She described being taken to heaven, hell, and purgatory — and chose to return to earth to do penance for the souls in purgatory.

Her penitential acts were extreme, hagiography tells us. Allegedly, she would throw herself into burning furnaces, freezing rivers, or mill wheels. She lived on practically nothing, avoided comfort, and was revered and somewhat feared by her community. While some questioned her mental state, **others recognized deep mystical courage**. St. Christina reminds us that **sanctity doesn't always look reasonable** — and that the Church has room for saints who astonish.

### **Blessed Solanus Casey ~July 30**

A modern American saint-in-the-making, Blessed Solanus was born in 1870 in Wisconsin. He struggled academically and barely made it through seminary, eventually serving as a *simple porter* — a doorman — at the Capuchin monastery in Detroit. But **this humble doorkeeper became a spiritual powerhouse**.

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**Weekday Masses**, Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

**Weekend Masses**, Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

**Sunday**, 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

**Confessions** will be held Saturdays 2:45-3:45 pm

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People from all over came to talk to him. He offered practical advice, blessings, and prayers, and was known for remarkable healings. He played the violin (not well), wrote poetry, and lived with cheerful simplicity. **His cause for canonization is well underway**, and he's a patron for those who feel overlooked or underqualified.

### St. Lydia of Thyatira ~August 3

Mentioned briefly in the Acts of the Apostles, **Lydia was Paul's first recorded convert in Europe**. A seller of purple cloth, a luxury trade she was likely a woman of means and influence. But what sets her apart is her openness: she listened, responded, and offered hospitality to Paul and his companions.

In a time when Christian women were mostly hidden in the background, Lydia is a rare glimpse of female initiative in the early Church. Her feast is especially meaningful today, as the Church continues to rediscover the vital role of lay women in evangelization and community life.

These saints aren't as widely known as Francis or Teresa, but **perhaps that's part of their gift**. They meet us in the quieter months, when we're traveling, slowing down, or looking for renewal. They remind us that **holiness isn't seasonal**, and that God calls people, astonishing or ordinary, at all times of year.

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## Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,  
you have set the earth on its foundation  
and all the elements of nature obey your command.  
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe  
from all dangers and calm the storm  
that threatens us.*

*May we be secure in Your loving protection  
and serve you always with grateful hearts.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

**Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday**  
At Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

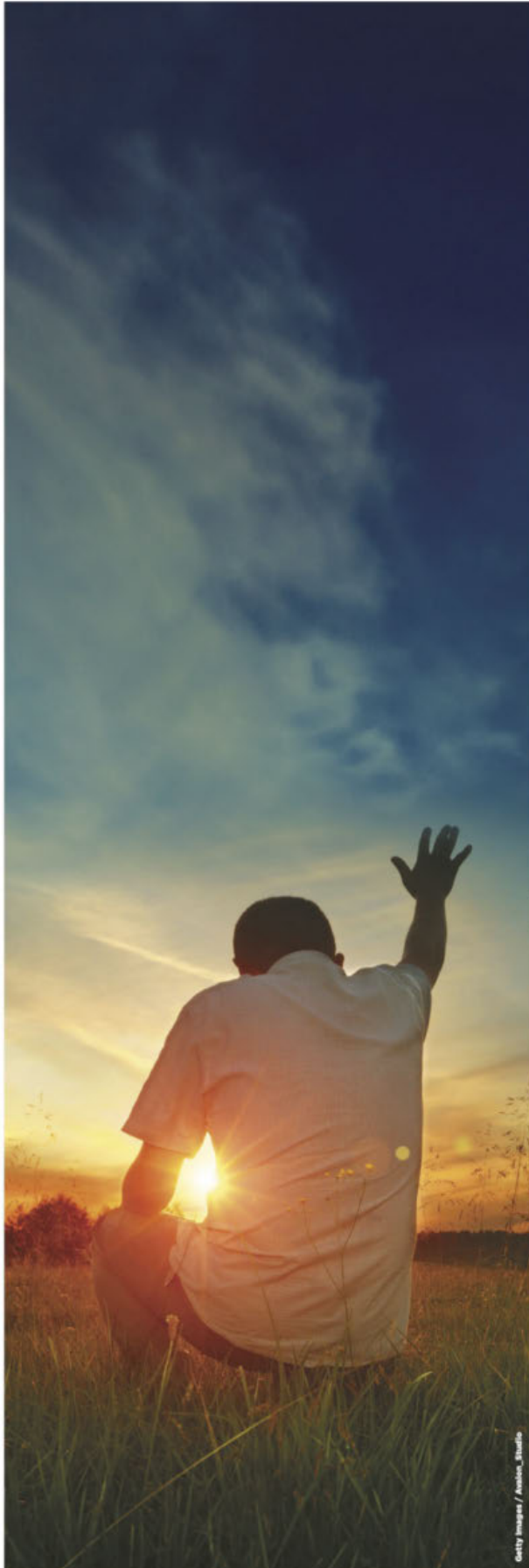
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**Begin the day with:**

8:00 AM - Mass  
8:30 AM - Beginning Adoration  
5:30 PM - Rosary Recitation  
6:00 PM - Exposition and Adoration  
7:00 PM - Adoration Ends for the Day





July 27, 2025

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Sounds lovely, doesn't it? I remember understanding this verse as though God is like a genie in a bottle and prayer is like a delivery service. But when I encountered true hardship, this interpretation was tested. I was seeking, but I couldn't find what I wanted. My request seemed to go unanswered. I was asking, but my hands were empty. I couldn't reconcile this. Did this mean God wasn't telling me the truth? Trusting that couldn't be the case, I pressed in a little harder. In time, and through the grace of God, I realized I'd been reading this verse through selfish eyes. I was understanding this passage to say, "ask for whatever you feel like in the moment, and I'll drop it on your doorstep." But what does Jesus *actually* say? He says that if we ask, he will always give us *the Holy Spirit*. This understanding can change how we pray. The Lord doesn't promise to instantly cure our maladies, or to remove every ounce of pain on this side of the veil. But he does promise to send his Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with us through it all. And that is far better than any type of delivery service.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Today's psalm echoes the Gospel message that the Lord never abandons us. In our response, we unite our voices with the universal Church as we say, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." We encounter hardship on a daily basis. From the tiny irritations that tempt our tempers to flare to the heavy crosses we carry, we are reminded of how much we need God's help. And yet, how often is our response to turn inward and grow weary, discouraged, or angry? Next time we come eye to eye with a challenge, let's try to respond like the psalmist, and cry out to the Advocate. He is very near. *Come Holy Spirit.*

### **REFLECT**

We are reminded in today's readings that the Lord is always near, that he hears us, and that he responds generously. Thank God this is true even when it doesn't seem like it. As we face our daily hardships, let's not forget to ask Jesus for help. Don't forget that he never rations the Spirit, and though he will never force himself on you, he's waiting eagerly to pour his love into your heart. Ask! Seek! Knock! He knows your voice, and he is ready to respond.



## **Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

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### **Office Hours**

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### **Grief Support**

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office.

Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call:  
867-3663

## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 26, Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. Joseph and Dolores Ciminera (dec)

**Saturday, July 26, Vigil for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Joan Ayers (dec)

**Sunday, July 27, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Roger Dutilly (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Patricia Dubois (liv)

**Monday, July 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Stan and Irene Pankiewicz and Family (dec)

**Tuesday, July 29, Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

8:00 a.m. Robert B. Murray (dec)

**Wednesday, July 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

**Thursday, July 31, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:00 a.m. Matti Kosonen (dec)

**Friday, August 1, Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. Carole and Walter Huff (liv)  
66th Wedding Anniversary

**Saturday, August 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Jack and Rosie Jackson (dec)

**Saturday, August 2, Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

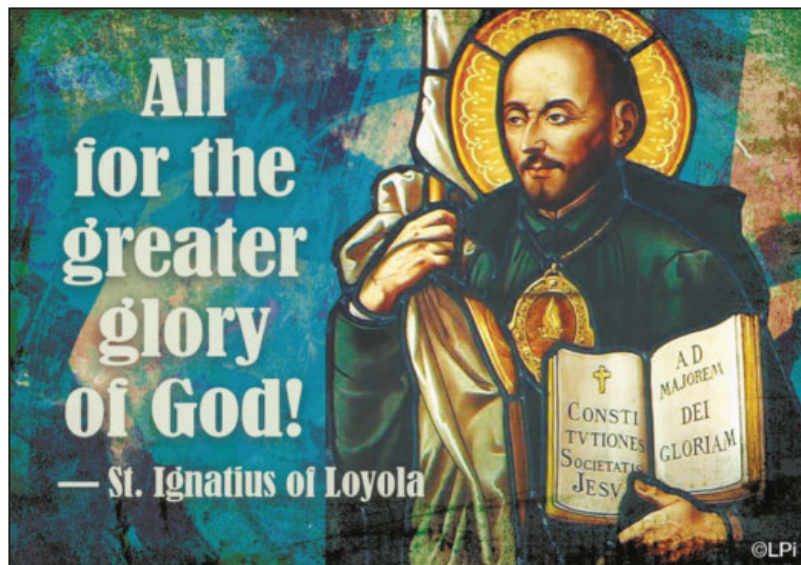
4:00 p.m. Margaret Michalka (liv)

**Sunday, August 3, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Tom and Marie Cullen (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Rosemary Smith (dec)





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

After more than two decades in parish ministry, my life changed course when LPi reached out to me with an offer to do something different with my life. I hadn't been looking for a new job, but I had been working for some time to grow a ministry of speaking, writing, and consulting outside of my parish. It occurred to me I just might be throwing away a long career of stability and certainty for a situation that was new and anything but certain. My family was relying on me. I was moving from a comfort zone into a place where I was going to have to trust in God. There was the question on the surface of whether this move would work out in the end. However, the real question was whether I had the ability to put all my trust in God.

The fact that you are reading this reflection is a testament that it all worked out for the best. I did place my faith and trust in God, and He came through as always. When I look back over my life and identify those times of greatest struggle, I can honestly say those were times when I trusted more in myself or let fear take over.

We all are faced with decisions in life where we are met with uncertainty or fear. Often, our stewardship is limited by our inability to trust fully in God. Our comfort zones really become prisons of fear we never leave. If you find yourself unable to face the future or to make the big decisions in life, where does your trust lie?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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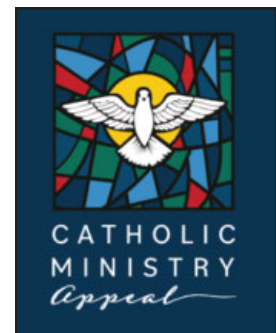


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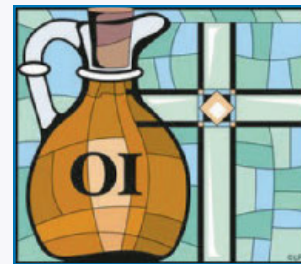
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