



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

July 19, 2026 ▪ Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The heroic story of “Father Patience” and the Martyrs of Damascus



Philip Kosloski - published on 07/10/26

Fra Manuel Ruiz López was an inspiration to the community in Damascus, and his martyrdom continues to inspire Christians in the region today.

In 2024, Pope Francis canonized the "Martyrs of Damascus," a group of three laymen and eight religious who were martyred in the middle of the 19th century.

The religious were **Spanish Franciscans** who had a convent in Damascus and were led by Fra Manuel Ruiz López.

Besides being targeted for their Christian faith, these Franciscans were prime examples of holiness for the local community and were well known for their sanctity.

"Father Patience"

According to the Custody of the Holy Land website, Father Ruiz López was particularly revered. "The Arabs

Continued on page 2

Continued from cover....

called him familiarly '**Father Patience**' and this reflects how he was able to be very close to the people: what is impressive is how he gave himself every day and entirely to the mission that had been assigned to him."

To receive such a nickname highlights the holiness of Fra Ruiz López and how he lived the Gospel message in his everyday life.

Unfortunately, at the time there was an increase in tensions in the region and Druze militias began to set Christian towns on fire. The met no resistance, and so they continued to slaughter thousands of Christians.

When Fra Ruiz López heard of the threat, he gathered his community into the chapel and distributed Holy Communion to each of them.

Eventually the militia was able to break into the convent through a hidden door, and when Fra Ruiz López heard the men coming in, he **"immediately ran to the tabernacle to remove the Eucharist and consume it,** so as not to expose it to profanation, and he was thus **killed at the foot of the altar."**

The heroic witness of these Franciscan friars, as well as the three Maronite laymen, continues to inspire many in a region that is constantly the target of violence.

**Originally published at Aleteia.org,
reprinted with permission**

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18, Vigil for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Mary Beth Haining (dec)

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Grace Genevieve Rideout (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Monday, July 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. The Bento Family (liv & dec)

Tuesday, July 21, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jean Lambert (dec)

Wednesday, July 22, Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 23, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, July 24, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Marchese (dec) and
John and Judy Lynd (liv) 50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, July 25, Feast of Saint James, Apostle

4:00 p.m. Nona Chubboy (dec)

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Philis Barba (dec)

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

There have been moments in my life when I have not been able to find words for prayer, which leaves my efforts feeling unproductive and fruitless. But prayer's worth is not measured by the words we say. Prayer is the lifting of the mind and the heart to God. We place ourselves in the presence of God and allow our desires, our suffering, and our weakness to be transformed by his grace. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans he writes, "we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." In prayer, we place our hope in that what we bring to God will be heard and magnified by his divine grace. And as Christians, we live with the intention of pleasing God, and we trust that God transforms our actions into something meaningful as well. As the mustard seed grows into a large tree or a small teaspoon of yeast enlivens an entire loaf of bread, God takes what we offer – regardless of whether or not we have the right words, or even any words at all – and transforms it into something extraordinary.

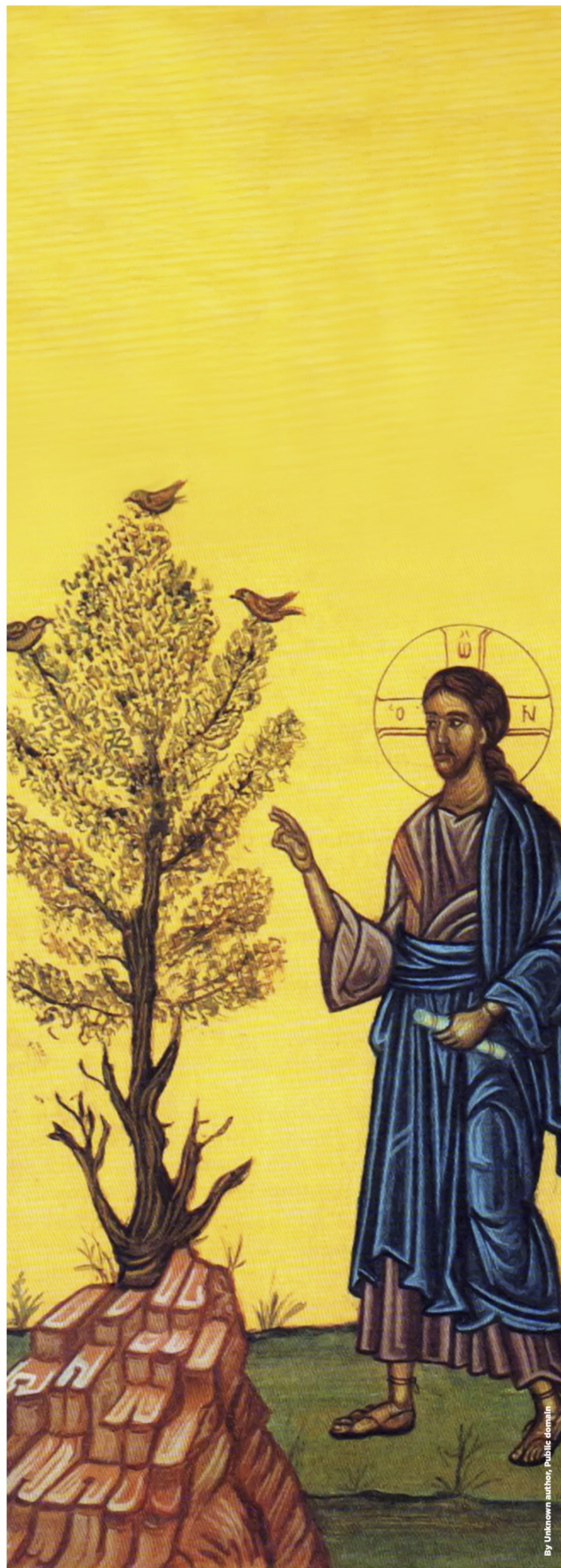
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the first reading, we are reminded of God's leniency in the face of justice. God's mercy does not mean a lack of accountability – Christ desires and commands that we love God and love our neighbor. But in his mercy, he does not condemn us for our sin but rather gives time for us to repent. As a Christian community, we are called to show that same mercy – that same patient forbearance with one another. By doing so, the love of God ripples across a community through acts of charity and compassion, making individuals feel known and cared for. In this kind of environment, like the birds who find rest in the branches of the large mustard bush, all who seek the Lord will find a welcome among God's people.

PRAY

Prayer is not only offered in word but also in sacrifice offered on behalf of another. Today, think of someone who needs your prayers. Bring their intention to God either in word or by offering a sacrifice on their behalf, not thinking about what is equal but what reflects God's mercy.





Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following 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

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.



The second collection is for Catholic Ministry Appeal



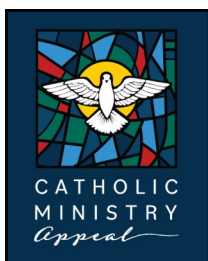
Weekly Offering

Weekly Giving 07/12/26

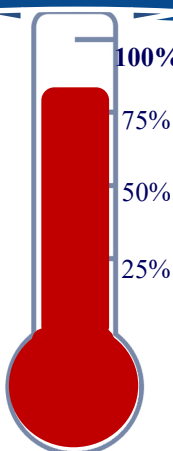
Offertory	\$ 6,417
Other Donations	\$ 1,000
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 1,244
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 40
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 40

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



100% - \$79,863

75%

50%

25%

Collected to date: \$62,447
which is 78%

Amounts pledged or expected:
100.4%

Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!



Everyday Stewardship

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

© Liturgical Publications Inc

Upcoming Events

***Church closed due to renovations,
Masses will be held in Parish Hall.**

Saturday, July 18	
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions	MC
Sunday, July 19	
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only	CYH
Monday, July 20	
6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting	CYH
Wednesday, July 22	
5:30 pm Adoration	PH
Thursday, July 23	
4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	FF
Saturday, July 25	
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions	MC
Sunday, July 26	
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only	CYH
Faith Community Nursing Monthly Screenings	
After 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses	CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall,
MC=Ministries Center, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1,
CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room, PL= Parking Lot

Back by Popular Demand!

**The Social Group will be enjoying our July Coffee at
Salty Pup.**

Join us on Friday, July 31st after the 8:00 am mass.



**5400 Tangerine Ave. S.
Gulfport**

**There will be no August Coffee but will be back in
September!**



Pastor

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

Clergy Assistance

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM
Fr. Randall Roberts, OFM
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM
Fr. Ken Breen, OdeM
Fr. Victor Bartolotta
Fr. Eric Peters

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 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

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

1600 54th Ave S
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Phone, (727) 867-3663

FAX, (727) 864-2679

Website, <http://btsp.org>

Like us on FaceBook



Text BTSP to 84576 or online at
btsp.flocknote.com

Arnold, Barbara
Baker Family
Barhorst, Brady
Barhorst, Rosemary
Becker, Mary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Calamita, John
Christ, Kathryn
Connor, Kathryn
Clark, Christine and
Henry
Clark, Brittany Noel
Clark, Matthew Pierce
Comeau, Teresa
Cortez, Patrick
Coughlin, Bernadette
Curcio, Louis
Daniels, Joshua
D'Azzo, Lina
DeLong, Judy
DeLong, Todd
Distefano, Michael
Ellis, John
Feldes, Lauren

Fitzgerald, Dan
Gawlik, Frank and Sofia
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Gutske, Karl
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Hoskins, Kevin
Hurley, Scott
Joyal, Christina
Kartsaklis, Michael
Klima, Sue
Kraynak, Gary
Lague, Norbert
Lashley, Diana
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Mays, Hank
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Narinelly, Sarah
Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary

Parillo, Ceil
Parillo, Dave
Parmigiani, Valerie
Preeper, Helen
Riordan, Donald
Romani, Angelo
Sacks, Laura
Shelby, Montez
Smith, Elizabeth
Stankiewicz, Cy
Vanderbeck, Cindy
Vanderbeck, Jay
Wagoner, Diane
Walsh, Thomas
Watson, Linda
Weselowski, Chris
Youngman, Ruth

Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

Support Our Parish

Local business ads sponsor the printing of our bulletin.

4lpi.com/advertising-solutions

WE'RE HIRING

Ad Sales Executives

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-life Balance
- Full-time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community

Visit www.4lpi.com/careers

FLORIDA MORTUARY

Funeral & Cremation Services

Quality, Compassion, & Personalized Care Since 1987

727.748.1580

ASPEN N. DONOHUE
Licensed Funeral Director,
Managing Director

Advertise Here!

Engage with consumers in your neighborhood.

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets

833-287-3502

ST. PETERSBURG

Funeral Home & Memorial Chapel

Michael Moloney *Brian Moloney*

Family Owned | Veteran Owned

Serving Pinellas County and the Greater New York Area for Four Generations

Inquiry: service@stpetefuneralhome.com
6201 Central Ave. St Petersburg, FL 33710
727-954-0204

www.stpetersburgfuneralhome.com

Little space. Big impact.

Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952

catholicmatch®

Florida

CatholicMatch.com/FL

Complete Plumbing Services & Supplies

Johnnie Jones Plumbing Co.

Founded by Carl H. Jonasson Sr.
Barbara J. Pace CFC 1427395

727-323-2300 27247 23rd Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713-4318

Brett Funeral Home & Cremation Services

4810 Central Avenue
Tel. 727-321-3321
www.brettfuneralhome.net
Catholic Owned & Operated Since 1960

Does your organization need a newsletter?
We'll cover the printing costs!

Learn more at
lpicomunities.com



WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS

They allow us to print this bulletin.
Thank you!



NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Support Our Advertisers!

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™

STARTING AT

\$19⁹⁵
/mo.

At HOME and AWAY!

- ✓ Ambulance/Police
- ✓ Family/Friends
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.809.3570



md-medalert.com



Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!

Contact Scott Messner

smessner@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x6307



Made you look.

Advertise here to reach your local audience.

Scan to get started!



Visit 4lpicom.com/advertising-solutions

Never miss our bulletin!

Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.

Scan to subscribe on
parishesonline.com

