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Weekend Magazine

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July 26, 2026 ▪ Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

These one-liners are worth remembering as they just might help you orient your whole life.

Father Dave Mercer - published on 07/14/26

At the Last Supper, Jesus offers his Apostles a one-liner that reminds them of their mission's origin, saying: *It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you to go and bear fruit that will remain.* John 15:16

The entire Church — including you and me — inherits that mission, and Jesus' words should be heard as spoken to us, too. We sharpen our sense of mission and purpose when we have a clear vision for how to bear fruit wherever the Lord plants us on a given day.

I'm inspired by Catholic groups and communities with clear visions of their God-given mission and purpose. Here are six such groups and what they say that inspire me in fulfilling my life's vocation.



The Augustinians: "One mind and one heart intent upon God."

Pope Leo XIV's own Order of Saint Augustine summarizes their spirituality with the Latin, *Anima una et cor unum in Deum*, or *One mind and one heart intent upon God*. That vision grounded his faith and sense of mission in a strong experience of Christ as found in community. We do well to ask: "Does my mission and purpose show my mind and heart are toward God?"

Cursillo Movement: "Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ."

A Cursillo weekend is a three-day short course on the basics of Christianity that developed in Spain and came to North America. With talks and activities, leaders speak of their faith in such a way that bears fruit in the hearts of attendees. And yet, it begins when you invite a friend.

The Society of Jesus: "To the greater glory of God."

Jesuit priests and brothers express the meaning for all they do with the Latin phrase: "*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*," or simply, *AMDG*. They remind themselves to devote every action, thought, and effort to the greater glory of God. Knowing their lives are not about themselves, they seek God's grace for a life of selfless service. As with Jesuits, and even with everyday tasks, we can ask: "How might I do this for God's greater glory?"

The Franciscans: "Peace and all good."

Inspired by Saint Francis' greeting to people he met, the Latin phrase, *Pax et Bonum*, expresses the blessing of God and the active pursuit of universal harmony. Used by all Franciscan communities, the greeting expresses a hope that God's presence touches a person's life in every way. We can follow the Franciscans' lead and ask: "How does my life promote active peacemaking, reverence for creation, and solidarity with the poor and vul-

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nerable?"

The Christophers: "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

Born after World War II when the historical suspicion of Catholic loyalty to the U.S. was revived, The Christophers aim to counter that with a positive message for people of all faiths or of no faith. Similarly, we can ask ourselves: "How can I light a candle for a better world?"

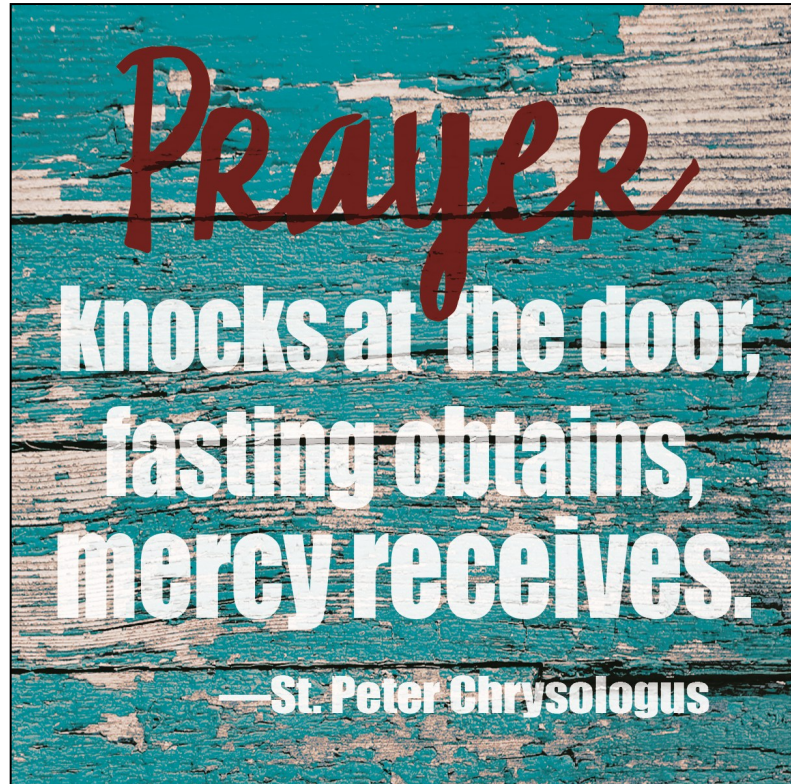
Sant'Egidio Community: "Prayer, the Poor, and Peace."

Founded in Rome, in 1968, by high school teenagers who wanted to serve the poor on the outskirts of Rome, the Sant'Egidio Community has grown to 50,000 members bearing fruit in 73 countries. One of my highlights while in Rome for a sabbatical program was attending their evening prayer at Sant'Egidio Church. We can ask ourselves: "How can my purpose in life better reflect prayer, the poor, and peace among others?"

Of course, there are countless other Catholic groups and communities to inspire us to live the life that God calls us to live. And yet, when you live such a life — a life with a strong sense of mission — you will bear the fruit Jesus spoke of by inspiring still others to live the life God intends them to live.

Pope Leo XIV encourages every Christian to have a missionary purpose, saying: *I still consider myself a missionary. My vocation, like that of every Christian, is to be a missionary, to proclaim the Gospel wherever one is.* Pope Leo XIV

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Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, July 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Chris Roberts (liv)

Tuesday, July 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, July 29, Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, July 31, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 a.m. Kayla and Nathan Roberts (liv)

Saturday, August 1, Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Keith Shickell (dec)

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Gerald Bowman (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Viola Romani (dec)

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today we continue to hear parables about the kingdom of God and the reaction of those who find it. The merchant and the person in the field joyfully sell all they have to acquire their treasures. In a world in which we have so many responsibilities, following God may sometimes feel like an obligation. We abide by truths of the Church that are countercultural and challenging. We give our time and our money for the benefit of our community. We profess bold belief in a Gospel truth that is often questioned. These parables remind us that God desires that we move past seeking him out of a sense of obligation or duty – to a place of joy-filled abandonment to him. To experience the full joy that comes from living the Gospel, Jesus comes to us and remains with us in his sacraments. He invites us over and over again to experience his love and his joy until our hearts are changed and we joyfully put everything aside in pursuit of him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I was pulling weeds in the garden when my daughter asked how I knew which plants not to pull. I realized that I simply recognize a weed from a desired plant because I have spent time in my garden. As we journey with Christ, our eyes become fine-tuned to see the difference between what is characteristic of the kingdom of God and what is of this world. King Solomon had eyes fixed on the kingdom, and he knew the value of asking for an understanding heart to help him see more clearly. We must also ask for the wisdom to see clearly what is from God. As we encounter the beauty of God and the truth of his word, we are called to share those encounters with those who are still searching and whose eyes are untrained. Not unlike pulling weeds in the garden, we must train our eyes to find the longed-for pearl as we see and experience the truth of God's love as a community of believers.

PRAY

As you seek to grow in understanding, pray the prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury this week: *O Lord, my God / teach my heart this day where and how to see you / where and how to find you / Let me find you by loving you / let me love you when I find you. Amen.*



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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.

YOU ARE INVITED

*Come Wish
Lisa Well!*

Please join us for a farewell reception for our
Music Director Lisa Screeton after the
9:30 AM Mass in Courtyard Hall.

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The second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul



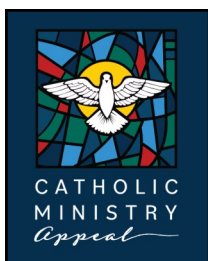
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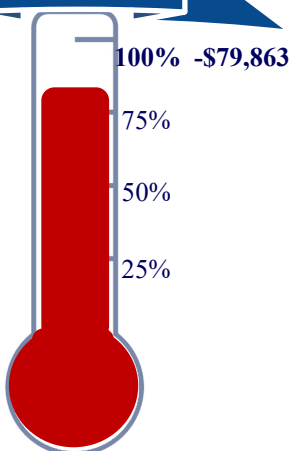
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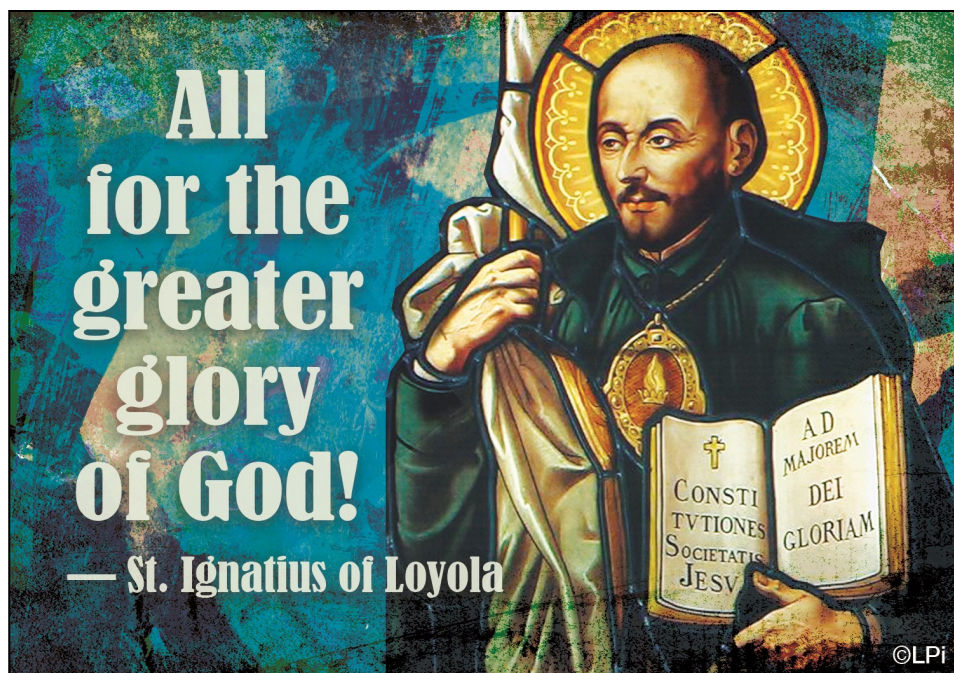
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Everyday Stewardship

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Upcoming Events

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

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 CYH

After 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

Farewell Reception for Lisa Screeton
after 9:30 am Mass CYH

Monday, July 27

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Wednesday, July 29

5:30 pm Adoration PH

Thursday, July 30

4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting FF

Friday, July 31

BT Social Group Coffee Meeting after 8:00 am Mass
@The Salty Pup in Gulfport

Saturday, August 1

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, August 2

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only 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!**



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Fr. Victor Bartolotta

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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

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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.

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