

Daily Meditation Sunday, Jul 24, 2022: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This year the award goes to . . . Are you a prize-winning parent? Do you know someone who deserves recognition for nurturing the future of society? Every fourth Sunday of July since 1994, our country has celebrated Parents' Day. Nationwide, parents are nominated for exemplary service and dedication to their families and to the broader local community. Of course, most parents have humbler aspirations than garnering a trophy for their trouble. They hope simply to nurture honest, decent adults who feel empathy and treat others kindly. Celebrate the courage of parents and support the essential work they do.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (111). "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?"

Monday, Jul 25, 2022: You can't do it all.Distinguished poet and scholar Sister Madeleva Wolff, C.S.C. was the author of more than 20 books and the third president of her alma mater, Saint Mary's College, in Notre Dame, Indiana, where she served for 26 years. She accomplished much—but like most of us, struggled with how much more there always was to do. She wrote, "Thinking of things to be done, hopes to be realized, persons to be helped, I say laughingly that I go to a multitude of funerals daily, burying so many deceased projects, so much of what I have had to let die and must bury without regret." On this, the anniversary of her death, pray for the grace to surrender to God when you are overwhelmed with busyness.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). "Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"Tuesday, Jul 26, 2022: MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF MARY.

A grand mission for grandparents. At a time when grandparents shoulder an ever-greater role in the nurturing of children—helping young families navigate the many complex realities of modern life—it’s fortunate we have an international Catholic Grandparents Association, founded in 2009, to help fulfill a dual mission: “passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life.” With Saints Joachim and Anne as patrons, the association hosts a podcast and encourages parishes to develop a thriving ministry for and by grandparents, recognizing their unique evangelizing presence. Remembering grandparents, pray today the official prayer of the 2022 World Meeting of Families.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "The field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom."

Wednesday, Jul 27, 2022: Take responsibility. Racial tension, economic unrest, and summer heat have fueled countless murderous altercations throughout America’s short history. July 27, 1919 marks the start of one of the most violent and tragic race riots sparked by the stoning and drowning of a young black boy in Chicago who inadvertently swam into an area of Lake Michigan reserved for “whites only.” By the end, 38 people were dead, 537 injured, and 1,000 families made homeless. These statistics are stacked upon decades before and after this date of the extreme violence that plagues our nation. In their 1994 statement, Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action, the U.S. Catholic Bishops conclude that “our society needs both more personal responsibility and broader social responsibility to overcome the plague of violence in our land and the lack of peace in our hearts.”

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). "I will free you from the hand of the wicked, and rescue you from the grasp of the violent."

Thursday, Jul 28, 2022: Divine by any name. An accomplished Catholic writer used to joke that “God” was the worst nickname ever: The term had acquired way too much baggage for him. Fortunately, the church has dozens of terms and metaphors for God, including the vivid image of God as potter. The reality of God is beyond any one term or comparison, so it is fortunate that the Christian tradition gives us so many. Light, Rock, Creator, Wisdom, Savior, Shepherd, Fortress, Vine, Shield, and on and on. What terms help bring God alive for you?TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). "Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel."

Friday, Jul 29, 2022: MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS, FRIENDS OF JESUS. What friends are for? It’s not easy to picture God as one of our friends. We can’t just call God up to meet us for a cup of coffee. But friendship has many characteristics that help us better understand our own relationship with God. “Friendship,” writes Pope Francis, “is no fleeting or temporary relationship, but one that is stable, firm and faithful, and matures with the passage of time. A relationship of affection that brings us together and a generous love that makes us seek the good of our friend” (Christus vivit §152). For further reflection, look to Jesus himself and his friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:1-9 (405); John 11:19- 27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). "Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him."

Saturday, Jul 30, 2022: MEMORIAL OF PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. Golden moments.Peter Chrysologus (c.380–c.450) is the hands-down champion homilist of our tradition. Known as the “doctor of homilies,” his name literally means “golden-tongued.” Have you been moved by a great homily? Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium, 135) said that “The homily can actually be an intense and happy experience of the Spirit, a consoling encounter with God’s word, a constant source of renewal and growth.” Great homilies can be life changing, bringing about a deep conversion. May you encounter a great homily and be touched by the golden word of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). "For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear."

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune Bishop of Charleston Rev. Jesuprathap Narichetti (JP), Pastor Email: jnarichetti@charlestondiocese.org Ann Mitchum Parish Secretary	<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u> Sunday 8:00am Sunday 9:30am Wednesday 9:00am Friday 9:00 am
	<u>CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE</u> SUNDAYS: 7:15 AM-8:00 AM <u>WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY</u> 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services 843-261-0430 Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister 843-856-0748

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



WELCOME: We welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's. We hope you find St. Mary's to be spiritual and welcoming as you join us today in celebrating the Mass. As our church returns to full activities, we invite our new parishioners to join in participating and volunteering in our events. Coffee is served following 9:30am Mass.

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God to our recently baptized child: Aron Morales Dianas, son of J. Abel Morales and M. Guadalupe Dianas.

Let us welcome Father John Bosco Ikemeh, who will be celebrating Mass for us today.

FOOD BANK: We continue to collect non-perishables to support our local community. Please be sure containers are plastic to avoid any danger of breakage. In addition to food items, paper towels and toilet paper are appreciated. Please leave your donations in the Parish Center after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting is **1PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**, in the PARISH CENTER. We are reading "Jesus A Gospel" by Henri Nouwen. "If you were to ask me point blank: What does it mean to you to live spiritually? I would have to reply Living with Jesus at the center. Specifically, this means that what matters increasingly is getting to know Jesus and living in solidarity with Him." You are welcome to join us at any time. Call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers! There is a sign-up form in the back of the church. If you would like to donate altar flowers, they must be brought to the church on **FRIDAYS between 9:30 and 10AM**. These can be a professional arrangement, store bought or create your own!



Pray For Us: Edward Aban, Hazel Basilio, Chester Broton, Jr., Betty Butler, Virginia Ceva, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Maryanne Cortez, J. Gould, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Ken Fleming, Elizabeth Good, Hugh Gorman, Sally Gorman, Krist Groover, Buddy Green, DeeDee Huck, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, Eileen Killennerger, Yvonne Livingston, Betsy Long, Gus Long, John Lucas, John North, Susan Mance, Kelly Meyer, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, John North, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Larry Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Mike Winn, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioners of our parish family.

Record of Faithfulness 07/17/22				
ENVELOPES	AMT		COLLECTION	AMT
PARISHIONERS	2185.00		Maintenance & Repair	641.00
LOOSE	50.00			
VOTIVE				
SUB TOTAL	2235.00		BAA	
TOTAL ALL	2876.00			
			Sub Total	641.00

8:00 AM	26	9:30 AM	60	Total	86
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Second Collection today is for Parish Charity Project San Pedro.
Second Collection next week is for Flower offering.

There will be no weekly morning masses until Father JP returns in August.

DAILY MEDITATION: LUKE 11:1-13
Father . . . (Luke 11:2)

Imagine the insider’s view that Jesus’ disciples must have had. They lived with him; they ate and drank with him. They saw his countless everyday interactions, most of which weren’t recorded in Scripture. But today’s Gospel gives us one that did. Luke tells us that Jesus was praying, as he often did. The disciples must have observed him because they asked, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). In response, Jesus gave them more than a set of words or a format or technique. He gave them an example and an invitation: to have a share in his own loving relationship with his Father. How amazing that Jesus teaches the disciples to call God “Father” (Luke 11:2)! What a privilege to speak so directly and familiarly to God! The Hebrew Scriptures had referred to God as the father of the people of Israel or father of the king (Deuteronomy 32:6; 2 Samuel 7:14). But here, Jesus invites his disciples to call almighty God their own Father. Jesus likely used the word *Abba*, a word that expresses the bond of a child with his father. Isn’t that amazing? Jesus gives them his own status as children of God and tells them to pray with the same childlike trust that he has (Luke 10:21). Of course, this boldness didn’t come naturally to the disciples—and it doesn’t come naturally to us. So Jesus gives all of us an insider’s view of the kind of Father we have. He is more merciful and generous than the best human father (Luke 6:36; 11:13). He is attentive to our needs and always ready to hear and answer our prayers (12:30; 11:10). He will not give us a scorpion when we ask for an egg (11:12). He is rich in kindness and forgiveness (23:34). How awesome that he welcomes us as his children! Jesus wants to give you the courage to pray, “Father.” So, at Mass today, pray the Lord’s Prayer with gratitude and awe that God is your loving Father.

“Father! Thank you for making me your child.”