

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 July 2014

## From the Administrator's Desk

Are we convinced that “we do not know how to pray as we ought”? Are we asking God for “what is good for us”? Our Father knows what we need before we ask him, but he awaits our petition because the dignity of his children lies in their freedom. We must pray, then, with his Spirit of freedom, to be able truly to know what he wants. ccc-2736

*The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness. (Romans 8:26)*

If you remember nothing else about St. Paul, remember this: he loved to talk about the Holy Spirit! For just one example, take a look at chapter eight of his Letter to the Romans, and you'll see:

The law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2)

The Spirit helps us fulfill the just requirements of the law. (8:4)

The Spirit gives us life and Peace. (8:6)

God will raise us up from the dead by the Spirit. (8:11)

The Spirit helps us put to death the misdeeds of the body. (8:13)

The Spirit convinces us that we are children of God. (8:14)

The Spirit is the foretaste of our full redemption. (8:23)

Paul goes even further in today's reading. He tells us that beyond all the points he has made so far, beyond the theology that he has outlined in this chapter, the Holy Spirit is also an intimate and compassionate friend. The Spirit knows you. He loves you. Because he is God, he knows better than anyone how to help you. So always be encouraged when you feel at a loss or when difficulties come your way. Remember that the Spirit of God makes intercession *for you*. Remember that your heavenly Father hears and answers the prayers of the Holy Spirit. And always keep this in mind: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:26-31).

*“Thank you, Father, for the gift of your Holy Spirit. I welcome your Spirit into my life today.  
Help me to yield to his work in my heart.”*

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## Saints of the Week

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church; born in 1559; entered the Capuchin Friars (O.F.M. Cap.), taught theology to his fellow Religious, and was chosen to fill positions of leadership in his order. He became famous throughout Europe as an effective and forceful preacher; wrote many works explaining the faith and died at Lisbon in 1619.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** -St. Mary Magdalene, who died in the first century. She was healed of possession; a disciple of Jesus and present at His crucifixion; in Mark's Gospel, she was the first to witness to the Risen Lord; hence called the “apostle of the Apostles,” she was mistakenly identified as the sinful woman of Luke's Gospel 7:36-50. She is the patroness of the Order of Preachers (O.P.-Dominicans).

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – St. Bridget of Sweden; mother of eight children; a mystic prophet and foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior (“the Bridgettines”); sought to end the luxury and dissipation of the Avignon papacy and the return of the Pope of Rome, where she died in 1373. Her “Revelations” record her spiritual experiences and life. She is the patroness of Sweden; and together with Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (August 9<sup>th</sup>) and Catherine of Siena (April 29<sup>th</sup>), is declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1999.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** – St. Sharbel Makhlof, a priest who became a monk of the Maronite Church; born in 1828 in North Lebanon; he was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, he taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice, and prayer by the life he lived. He possessed the gift of performing miracles even during his lifetime. His tomb at the monastery of St. Maron is a place of pilgrimage. He died in 1898; canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1977; known as the “Hermit of Lebanon.”

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – St. James, Apostle; brother of John; called “the Greater” because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); the first of the twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by the order of Herod Agrippa I ca 44A.D.; venerated at Compostella, Spain; named in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer); patron of pilgrims, Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** - Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; veneration of St. Anne originated in the 6<sup>th</sup> century Eastern Church; patroness of childless women and miners. Devotion to Joachim dates from the 8<sup>th</sup> century.

Called to Serve

~ Deacon Mark Race

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## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 19</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Samuels
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Slade Campbell
12:15 PM	Soul of Anita Kennedy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 25</b>
8:00 AM	Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 26</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Edmund Richards
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 27</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Lynda Pratt & Intention of Fr. Oscar Pratt II
12:15 PM	Intention of Virgie Aguillar

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Wis 12:13-19, Ps 86:5-16, Mt 13:24-43
<b>Monday</b>	Mi 6:1-8, Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mi 7:14-20, Jn 20:1-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 1:1-10, Mt 13:1-9
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 2:1-13, Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 7:1-11, Mt 13:24-30
<b>Sunday</b>	1 Kgs 3:5-12, Ps 119:57-130, Mt 13:44-52

## July 13, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$4,277.73 Tithes and Offering  
324.88 Building Fund  
185.65 "We Care"

## TRANSFIGURATION



**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM to 5 PM**

**KENNETH HAHN PARK**

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or e-mail [dcn431@aol.com](mailto:dcn431@aol.com).

## First Annual Barbecue

St. Jerome Conference of the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* invites everyone to their First Annual Barbecue Fundraiser on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dinners range from \$10.00 to \$12.00 and Combo Plate \$15.00. For tickets, or more information, call Merv at 310.908.9204.

## Thank you!

The *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* would like to thank everyone who supported their annual Walk-a-Thon.

## Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

## National Needs Combined Collection

July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at all Masses

### Sharing the Good News... Your Generosity

- Makes it possible for us to continue strengthening Catholic Faith, values and education through The Catholic Communication Campaign's television, radio, and print messages.
- Helps support some of the poorest dioceses in the country that depend on annual collections. Through vital evangelization programs, the Black and Indian Home Mission provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities.
- Enables us to insure the highest standards of quality Catholic education through The Catholic University of America's exceptional programs of scholarship, research, and service.
- Strengthens the Church at home, and helps to provide basic pastoral resources and services to needy ethnic communities in scattered and isolated areas through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

## Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brandi Arceneaux, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Joyce Barnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.  
*Matthew 14:14*

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, July 20**

*Society for the Propagation of the Faith*

*Mission Cooperation Collection*

Chicken & Belgian Waffle Breakfast *after all Masses*

**Tuesday, July 22**

6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (*PCRM*)

**Wednesday, July 23**

6:30 PM Line Dancing (*hall*)

**Thursday, July 24**

No Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, July 26**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Choir Retreat

**Sunday, July 27**

*National Needs Combined Collection*

8:00 AM – 1:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Bundle Sunday