



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am  
10:30am  
12:30pm  
5:00pm

Daily  
Monday-Friday 6:30am  
Monday-Saturday 8:15am  
Wednesday 6:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
2:00pm on first and third Sundays.  
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.  
Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;  
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.  
Anytime upon request.  
(Call for appointment.)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
Please contact the Parish office.

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# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up or use the QR code.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 13, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 12

4:00 p.m. + John B. Radcliff (Juliana O'Leary)

### Sunday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Mrs. Eriny Attia (SMS Class of 2025)

10:30 a.m. Heinrich Bohnen

12:30 p.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (John Paul Munhall)

5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish

### Monday, July 14

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Daria Skrzypczynski

8:15 a.m. + Luann Toth

### Tuesday, July 15

6:30 a.m. + Gary Stephen Lyle (Brian & Lisa Lyle Henry)

8:15 a.m. + Sharon Renzetti (Roger Renzetti & Family)

### Wednesday, July 16

6:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Zaremba Family

8:15 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. Protection of the Unborn (The Agnello Family)

### Thursday, July 17

6:30 a.m. + Margaret Fiala (The Fiala-Fristad Family)

8:15 a.m. Pasquale Pizzuti (The Pizzuti Family)

### Friday, July 18

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Marquart Family

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Bartholomew Family

### Saturday, July 19

8:15 a.m. + Bruce Crosby (Earl Crosby)

4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish

### Sunday, July 20

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Brien Murtha (Kathy Murtha)

12:30 p.m. + Anthony Sylvester (Leo Zupan)

5:00 p.m. + Paul Mortimer, Sr. (The Schaal Family)

## PARISH CALENDAR: JULY

<b>SUNDAY, July 13</b>	6:45 p.m. Totus Tuus (MH)
<b>Monday, July 14</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. Totus Tuus (MH) 6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:45 p.m. Totus Tuus (MH) 7:30 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (LMR)
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. Totus Tuus (MH) 6:45 p.m. Totus Tuus (MH)
<b>Wednesday, July 16</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. Totus Tuus (MH) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 6:45 p.m. Totus Tuus (MH)
<b>Thursday, July 17</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. Totus Tuus (MH) 5:30 p.m. Festival Meeting (UMR) 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Study (LMR) 6:45 p.m. Totus Tuus (MH)
<b>Friday, July 18</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. Totus Tuus (MH)
<b>Saturday, July 19</b>	2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>SUNDAY July 20</b>	K of C Community Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting: [www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/).  
(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

## Come and Adore

Inviting all parishioners to take an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on behalf of our parish. Time spent in the presence of Our Lord will quickly become the most fruitful part of your week & will better equip you for all that you do in your daily life. Register at [stmichael.weadorehim.com](http://stmichael.weadorehim.com) or by scanning the QR code.



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP JULY 6, 2025:

Envelopes .....	\$ 10,068.10
Online Giving .....	\$ 13,712.47
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,780.57</b>

## THE 2025 APPEAL:

Goal.....	\$ 208,245.94
Raised as of July 8: .....	\$ 240,125.00

# AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP #OH-1247 IS OFFICIALLY COMING TO ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH!

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE ENROLLING GIRLS FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE.

GET TO KNOW THE AMERICAN HERITAGE AT GIRLS FAMILIES AT THIS FUN OPEN HOUSE! RSVP'S HELP WITH PLANNING BUT ALL ARE WELCOME EVEN IF YOU DON'T RSVP IN ADVANCE. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

RSVP TO [AHG@SAINTMICHAEL-CD.ORG](mailto:AHG@SAINTMICHAEL-CD.ORG)

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AHG!

THURSDAY JULY 17  
6 PM - 9 PM  
HENMICK FARM & BREWERY  
BRING A PICNIC OR ENJOY THE ON-SITE FOOD TRUCKS!

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As a result of the amazing generosity of our parishioners, our parish has raised \$240,125.00 for the Diocesan Appeal. Everything over the initial goal from the Diocese of \$158,245.94 comes directly back to our parish. The first \$50,000.00 raised over the goal will go towards building up our parish's endowment. Now we are tackling a punch list of maintenance jobs that need to be addressed. Chief among the tasks needing to be tackled are restoration/replacement of the Church exterior doors as well as new kneelers for our pews in the church.

This weekend, we host a visiting priest who will speak at all of the Masses about his home diocese and how our participation in the Missionary Co-Op program will benefit the building up of the faith and the Church in his native land of India.

This weekend, we will host TOTUS TUUS missionaries, who will run a day camp for our parish youth. Please pray for the success of this camp and the opening of the many young minds and hearts to the Gospel of Jesus.

In Jesus, our Lord,

Fr. Stash Dailey

## ST. GERARD BLESSINGS

This weekend, we will begin offering our monthly blessing through the intercession of St. Gerard Magella.

St. Gerard is known as one of the patron saints for those who hope to conceive a child or desire a safe delivery of their child that they carry.

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary's side altar, we will gather for the prayers, the blessing with the relic and then the offering of holy cards and medals.

This monthly blessing is organized by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11445

[www.kofc11445.com](http://www.kofc11445.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

7/14 — 7:30pm — Council Business Meeting, LMR

7/19 — 7-9pm — Council pool party (*RSVP and more info on the website*)

7/20 — Community Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 & 10:30am Masses downstairs

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## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 74: Private Silent Prayer

After the wonderful moment of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, what should we do next? You got it: pray! According to the Diocese of Peoria, "After we receive the Most Holy Eucharist we return to our pew... This is a most opportune time to pray and talk with our Lord, whom we have just received" (A Study of the Mass, p. 20). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs us that this period may be given over to quiet prayer or to singing: "When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the Priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired, a Psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation" (GIRM, 88). Depending on your parish traditions, there probably has been a Communion hymn or antiphon, which began after the priest received Communion. Your parish might also have a tradition of singing a Post-Communion hymn, sometimes called a hymn of thanksgiving. Many authors recommend that, in addition to these, there also be a period of silence.

### The Importance of Silence

Fr. Guy Oury says that a period of silence is important: "The whole Church, the whole community, should take time to give silent thanks. It is important to do so, even if this has to be done after dismissal. This is the moment, if ever, to introduce a time of silence, as recommended also at other moments of the celebration. On the whole, however, the Eucharistic Prayer is much less silent than in the past, and the silence that favors recollection is a value not to be lost. Thanksgiving is absolutely indispensable in its collective form and its personal form. Sacramental effectiveness of the Eucharist does not work automatically. It requires dispositions. Mass itself is a thanksgiving, but thanksgiving does not cease with reception of Communion. It continues, and may extend to a hymn or a psalm said in common. There is much singing in the course of Mass, but at this moment it is well to let the peace of silence fall over the assembly" (The Mass, p. 123).

So, what kind of prayer is fitting during this time? Fr. Oury notes an anonymous author writing in Syria around the year 300 AD who gives us an example: "After receiving the precious Body and the precious Blood of Christ we give thanks to him for making us worthy to share in his holy mysteries and ask him that this partaking be not for judgment and condemnation but for salvation and the benefit of soul and body, for the preservation of piety, for the remission of sins and for the life of the world to come" (The Mass, p. 117). Perhaps this is a moment of prayer where thanks pour forth from our hearts as we recognize the wonderful gift we have been given. Maybe it is a moment to ask that we be strengthened for what we are facing. Hopefully, it is a moment to say from our hearts that we truly want to live in God's love.

### Silent but Active Prayer

Whatever our prayer is, Fr. Joseph McGloin reminds us that this time of silence shouldn't be mindless and passive: "So, although this is a time of silence, it isn't a time to prop ourselves upright, either kneeling or sitting, and doze off to dream of the upcoming day or the past night. It isn't a time, either, to say, 'Ok, Lord, do your thing,' and then settle back to wait passively for Him to do it. That would be about as polite as welcoming a visitor into our home and then just sitting there while they entertained and feasted us. No, this moment of union with God after Holy Communion ought to be the most active, wonderful part of the Mass for us. We talk to him and we listen. His talk will be quiet talk—the way he almost always communicates with men... He wants to teach us, especially at this intimate moment, to love him in return. This will mean an active response on our part. Silent prayer doesn't mean just sitting back in regal passivity, waiting for the gifts to be laid at our feet. A lady once complained to Fr. Walter Farrell, the great Dominican writer, that she couldn't seem to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. 'I begin a Hail Mary,' she told him, 'and then I look at the tabernacle and start to think about how good God is, and I never do finish my Hail Mary.' She couldn't pray? Here was a perfect prayer. And Mary would be the first one to admit that. The very purpose of our devotion to Mary (and all the saints) is to lead us to adoration of her divine Son" (How to Get More Out of the Mass, pp. 137-9).

So, let us use well this opportunity for prayer after Communion and grow closer to the Lord we have just received!

### For Reflection:

1. Review the Lord Jesus' teaching on prayer in [Matthew 6:5-8](#). Bring this attentiveness to personal prayer to God the Father to your time of prayer after receiving Communion.
2. What is your parish's practice of prayer during and following Communion? Participate actively in this time of prayer, and feel free to speak with your pastor if you have suggestions about the use of hymns or silence during this time.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 75: Purification of Vessels

While you are praying after Holy Communion, you have probably noticed that there is still visible action at the altar. This is called the Purification of the Sacred Vessels. As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, "After communion, there may be a song of thanksgiving or a moment of silence. Often during this time the priest or deacon purifies the sacred vessels used for Mass, although this is sometimes done after Mass, especially in places that use a large number of vessels for the distribution of Holy Communion. Even this aspect of the Mass is ritualized, as nothing in the Mass is insignificant. The sacred vessels used for the Mass are carefully purified to ensure that any particles of the Hosts are collected into the chalice so as to be consumed. While the priest purifies the Chalice he says quietly, 'What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.' As we believe in the real presence in the smallest particle of the Host or in even a drop of the precious Blood, this period of purification ensures the proper reverence to the Blessed Sacrament" (A Study of the Mass, p. 20).





For me as a priest, purifying the vessels is a very special time of prayer. Of course, I am thinking about how we believe Jesus is truly present in even the smallest particle or even in the smallest drop of remaining Precious Blood. I am thankful for the Lord's generosity and his humility—that he would come to us in such a gentle and veiled way. I will often pray for specific people at the Mass and for everyone there to be strengthened as they get ready to go forth.

## Reverencing the Most Precious Gift

In order to show proper reverence for our Lord's presence under the species of bread and wine, the priest is obliged to do what he reasonably can to gather up any fragments of the host and any drops of the Precious Blood and consume them himself. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "Whenever a fragment of the host adheres to his fingers, especially after the fraction or after the Communion of the faithful, the Priest should wipe his fingers over the paten or, if necessary, wash them. Likewise, he should also gather any fragments that may have fallen outside the paten" (GIRM, 278). After the priest has drunk from the chalice any remaining Precious Blood, he empties the fragments from the paten into the chalice, which is purified with water. The priest then empties the chalice by drinking the water, which contains the fragments of the consecrated host from the paten and any drops of the Precious Blood remaining in the chalice.

The rite of purification might seem like a trivial detail, but it is actually a great way of bolstering our faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To see priests and deacons carefully consuming leftover particles reminds us just how precious the gift of Holy Communion is, as well as reminding us to always treat this gift respectfully—before, during, and after we have received our Lord in Communion.

## For Reflection:

1. If you have not already done so, devote some of your time of prayer after Communion to observing the purification of the sacred vessels. Unite yourself spiritually with this act of reverence for Christ's presence.
2. Reflect on occasions in your life when you have shown reverence for another person's body, such as caring for young children, the sick, or the elderly. Allow these human experiences to deepen your prayer and reverence towards the Real Presence.



## Parish Summer Office Hours

**Beginning June 11, the parish office will be closed on Wednesdays throughout the summer, resuming our regular office hours on August 6. Our hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will remain as usual and we will be available to serve you each of those days from 8:30am – 3:30pm.**

**BUCKEYE CATHOLIC OPEN**

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**AUGUST 18TH, 2025**  
**OSU GOLF CLUB SCARLET COURSE**

Questions? Contact Dana Dosen at (440) 570-9732 or ddosen@buckeyecatholic.com



## MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

FOR MEN OF ALL AGES & VOCATIONS

"Catholic Seminaries:  
The Antidote for What Ails Society"  
Led by Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL

Saturday, August 2, 2025  
9 am - 4 pm at the Josephinum  
[pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection](http://pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection)

# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.*

***“Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord for the gift of understanding where our life is stuck. Let us try to give voice to our desire to be healed. And let us pray for all those who feel paralyzed, who do not see a way out. Let us ask to return to dwell in the Heart of Christ, which is the true house of mercy!” +POPE LEO XIV***

**Monday, July 14 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**  
**Optional Memorial: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin ~ the “Lily of the Mohawks”**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1** Jesus said to his Apostles: “Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s enemies will be those of his household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve disciples, he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.

**Meditation:** Why does Jesus describe his mission and the coming of God's kingdom in terms of conflict, division, and war? Jesus came in peace to reconcile a broken and sinful humanity with an all-merciful and loving God. Jesus also came to wage war, to overthrow the powers and principalities arrayed against God and his kingdom. What are these powers? Jesus describes Satan as the ruler of this world whom he will cast out (John 12:31). The battle Jesus had in mind was not an earthly conflict between nations, but a spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the armies of heaven. The scriptures make clear that there are ultimately only two powers or kingdoms – God's kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. John contrasts these two kingdoms in the starkest of terms: We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19).

**Prayer:** O God, who desired the Virgin St. Kateri Tekakwitha to flower among Native Americans in a life of innocence, grant, through her intercession, that when all are gathered into your Church from every nation, tribe and tongue, they may magnify you in a single canticle of praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha:** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us; may your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, of forgiveness and of reconciliation. Pray that God will give us the courage, the boldness and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations. Help us, as you did, to encounter the Creator God present in the very depths of nature, and so become witnesses of Life. With you, we praise the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Amen.

**Contemplation:** When Jesus spoke about division he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can

become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. True love for God compels us to express charity towards our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before his disciples the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is the will of God which leads to everlasting life, peace, and joy with God.

## **Tuesday, July 15 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24** Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum: Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the nether world. For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

**Meditation:** If Jesus were to walk down the streets of any community – your neighborhood, perhaps – what would he say? Would he issue a warning like the one he gave to Chorazin and Bethsaida? And how would you respond? Wherever Jesus went he did mighty works to show the people how much God had for them. Chorazin and Bethsaida had been blessed with the visitation of God. They heard the good news and experienced the wonderful works which Jesus did for them. Why was Jesus upset with these communities? The word woe can mean misfortune, calamity, distress, sorrow, sadness, misery, grief, or wretchedness. It is as much an expression of sorrowful pity and grief as it is of dismay over the calamity and destruction which comes as a result of human folly, sin, and ignorance.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, just as we celebrate the heavenly birthday of the Bishop Saint Bonaventure, we may benefit from his great learning and constantly imitate the ardor of his charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Repentance demands constant change – a change of heart, a change of mind, and always a call to change the way we live our life. God's word is life-giving and it saves us from destruction – the destruction of heart, mind, and soul as well as body. Jesus' anger is directed toward sin and everything which hinders us from doing the will of God. In love he calls us to walk in his way of truth and freedom, grace and loving-kindness, justice and holiness. Do you receive his word with faith and obedience or with doubt and indifference?

## **Wednesday, July 16 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50** While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

**Meditation:** God offers to each of us the greatest of relationships - union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, Jesus Christ, who is the very author and source of love (1 John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. He will love us no matter what. It is his nature to love. That is why he created us - to be united with him and to share in his love and unity (1 John 3:1). God is a trinity of persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and a community of love. That is why Jesus challenged his followers and even his own earthly family to recognize that God is the true source of all relationships. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love.

**Prayer:** May the venerable intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, so that, fortified by her protection, we may reach the mountain which is Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein You are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand Your power. O show me herein You are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in Your hands (mention your request now).

**Contemplation:** God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. That is why he gives us virtually unlimited opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives (and for all people) is unquestionable; we must live accordingly.

**About the Memorial to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church in 1726.

**About the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** If you have not already done so, have a priest enroll you in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or popularly known as the "Brown Scapular" and begin wearing it as a sign of your love for Our Lady. A priest enrolls people in the Brown Scapular only once. The Scapular can then be replaced afterwards by other scapulars or the scapular medal, which has on one side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other, the image of Mary. The medal needs to be blessed by a priest, but the cloth scapulars do not require a blessing (separate from enrollment).



Wearing the Brown Scapular is not an automatic guarantee of salvation. It is not a magical charm, nor is it an excuse to live in a way contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. It is a sacramental which has been approved by the Church for over seven centuries and is a sign of one's decision to follow Jesus as did Mary, the perfect model of all the disciples of Christ. The Sabbatine Privilege is associated with faithfully wearing the Brown Scapular, and carries with it certain

requirements. In addition to being an introduction into the Family of Carmel, the Brown Scapular is an expression of our belief that we will meet God in eternal life, aided by the intercession and prayer of Mary. While sacramentals prepare us to receive grace if we are in the right disposition, the Church emphasizes that only sacraments can confer sanctifying grace (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1670). Read "The Scapular of Carmel: A Treasure for the Church" by Pope Saint John Paul II by going to this web page: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=3525>

### Thursday, July 17 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30** Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

**Meditation:** What does the yoke of Jesus refer to in the gospel? The Jews used the image of a yoke to express submission to God. They spoke of the yoke of the law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the kingdom, the yoke of God. Jesus says his yoke is "easy." The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". Yokes were tailor-made to fit the oxen well. We are commanded to put on the "sweet yoke of Jesus" and to live the "heavenly way of life and happiness". Jesus also says his "burden is light". There's a story of a man who once met a boy carrying a smaller crippled lad on his back. "That's a heavy load you are carrying there," exclaimed the man. "He ain't heavy; he's my brother!" responded the boy. Think about it...no burden is ever too heavy when it is given in love and carried out in love.

**Prayer:** O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is

contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus offers us a new kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. In his kingdom sins are not only forgiven but removed, and eternal life is poured out for all its citizens. This is not a political kingdom, but a spiritual one. The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sinful habits and hurtful desires. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a weight of glory and victory with him. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of love, grace, and freedom from the power of sin.

## **Friday, July 18 ~ Fifteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**

**Optional Memorial: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest;**

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**Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8** Jesus was going through a field of grain on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to the them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the Sabbath and are innocent? I say to you, something greater than the temple is here. If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

**Meditation:** What does the commandment "keep holy the Sabbath" mean for us? Or better yet, what is the primary intention behind this command? The religious leaders confronted Jesus on this issue. The "Sabbath rest" was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his work, both in creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. Jesus' disciples are scolded by the scribes and Pharisees, not for plucking and eating corn from the fields, but for doing so on the Sabbath. In defending his disciples, Jesus argues from the scriptures that human need has precedence over ritual custom. In their hunger, David and his men ate of the holy bread offered in the Temple. Jesus also quoted of the Sabbath work involved in worship in the Temple. This kind of work was usually double the work of worship on weekdays. Jesus then quotes from the prophet Hosea (6:6): I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. While the claims of ritual sacrifice are important to God, mercy and kindness in response to human need are even more important.

**Prayer:** O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Camillus with a singular grace of charity towards the sick, pour out upon us, by his merits, a spirit of love for you, so that, serving you in our neighbor, we may, at the hour of our death, pass safely over to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Camillus:** Glorious Saint Camillus, turn your merciful eyes upon those who suffer and those who care for them. Grant to the sick, Christian resignation and trust in the goodness and power of God. Make those who take care of the sick be generous and lovingly dedicated. Help us to understand the mystery of suffering as a means of redemption and the way to God. May your protection comfort the sick and their families and encourage them to live together in love. Bless those who dedicate themselves to the sick. And may the good God grant peace and hope to all. Amen. Saint Camillus, pray for us!

**Contemplation:** The message of today's gospel can be complimented by contemplating on this prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make us to walk in your way: Where there is love and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance; where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor annoyance; where there is poverty and joy, there is neither greed nor avarice; where there is peace and contemplation, there is neither care nor restlessness; where there is the fear of God to guard the dwelling, there no enemy can enter; where there is mercy and prudence, there is neither excess nor harshness; this we know through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

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# MISSION APPEAL TALK

The 15th Sunday of Cycle C. Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

“Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to reach out to those in need beyond geographical, racial or other differences.”

The Eucharistic Lord who unites the whole world as one in Him may strengthen our faith and our capacity to love.

## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Greetings and prayers from Father Antony Benedict!

I am a priest of the Diocese of Miao, Arunachal Pradesh, India. I come before you today with a grateful heart and a humble purpose - to share with you a story of the Catholic Church that is growing, struggling, and flourishing on the edges of the world - in the Diocese of Miao, nestled in the remote northeast of India. This is not only a mission of geography, but a mission of hope, compassion, and deep faith.

## A CHURCH IN THE MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS

The Diocese of Miao lies in Arunachal Pradesh, a region of India bordered by China, Bhutan, and Myanmar. It's a land of breathtaking natural beauty - mountains, rivers, and dense forests - but it is also a place marked by isolation, poverty, and deep need.

Here, the Church is young. Evangelization began only a few decades ago, and today, faith has taken root in the heart of tribal communities. These are the first-generation Catholics - people who heard the Gospel for the first time through missionaries and catechists, who walked for days through forests and mountains to bring the Good News. The present Bishop of Miao, Most Rev. George Pallipparambil SDB, who was installed as the first Bishop of the diocese himself, was a missionary to this region prior to the erection of the Diocese of Miao in 2005. There are so many stories about the challenges he faced as a missionary. He even had to act as a truck driver to reach Miao and the surrounding places as the entry for outsiders was prohibited by the Government to this region inhabited by the indigenous Tribals.

Can you imagine? In some villages, there are no roads. Missionaries travel on foot or ride motorcycles across rivers and hills to celebrate the Eucharist and bring the Sacraments. For many of the faithful, the arrival of a priest is not a weekly occurrence - it is a celebration of rare grace.

## THE WORK OF THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Miao ministers to more than 100,000 Catholics, many of them poor, marginalized, and underserved. Yet their faith is vibrant and growing. Children gather in bamboo chapels to learn catechism. Young people attend mission schools - often the only hope they for education. Women form prayer groups and learn skills to support their families. The Church is often the only provider of basic healthcare and social services.

Our diocese supports 49 parishes, hundreds of mission stations, and numerous boarding schools and hostels for orphaned or abandoned children. Many of our priests and religious sisters come from humble backgrounds, yet they dedicate their entire lives to the mission.

## YOUR ROLE IN THE MISSION

Jesus told us: “You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Today, that “end of the earth” includes places like Miao-remote, unseen by the world, but not forgotten by God.

We come to you because **we cannot do this alone**. The Diocese of Miao depends on the generosity of Catholics around the world – especially here in the United States – to help sustain our missions.

Your support today will help:

- Train catechists and seminarians to serve isolated communities
- Build and repair simple chapels and mission house
- Provide food, education and boarding for children in need
- Bring medical care to villages with no hospitals or doctors

## THE FAITH THAT INSPIRES

Let me leave you with a small but powerful story:

In one village, a young boy named Tashi would walk two hours each way just to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist. One day, he told a missionary priest, "Father, even if there is no food at home, I come for Jesus. He fills me more than rice."

This is the hunger of faith. This is the Church in Miao - alive, joyful, and longing for the Bread of Life.

## INVITATION

Friends, I ask you today:

Will you be part of this mission?

Will you walk with us - through your prayers, through your generosity, through your heart?

The body of Christ is one, and when one part suffers or rejoices, we all share in it. Help us bring the light of Christ to the hills of northeast India.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and may the faith of the people of Miao inspire your own journey of discipleship.

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**Date:** Sunday, July 13

**Location:** St. Michael Parish

**Details:** see the missionaries after the 8:30 AM Mass to learn more about their mission and how you can support them in their journeying



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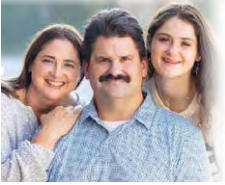
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