

# Historic St. James at Sag Bridge Church

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July 23, 2017  
Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday



ARE YOU WHEAT?  
OR ARE YOU A TARE?  
MATTHEW 13:24-30



## Mass Schedule

**FIRST SATURDAYS:** Beginning in June until October there will be an 8:30am Mass.

**WEEKENDS:** Saturdays: 5:00pm  
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

**HOLY DAYS:** 8:15am & 7:00pm

**WEEKDAYS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
8:15am & Fridays 6:00pm

**Wednesday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00-7:00pm, w/Confessions at 6:15pm & Mass at 7:00pm.**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Saturdays, 9:30am-10:00am

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Otherwise by appointment

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office (630.257.7000).

### SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:30am to 1:00pm

Register with [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) & use our St. James' code: KFWMDB (ALL CAPS)



**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L.****VANISHING AMERICAN ADULT**

In this month of July, in which we reflect on the founding of our beloved USA, we need to hunt for good wisdom that combines deep faith and good philosophy. In the spirit of this hunt, take a look at the book, *“The Vanishing American Adult: Our Coming of Age Crisis and How to Rebuild a Culture of Self-Reliance”* by Ben Sasse. Here’s part of what George Will says of it in his National Review. “Sasse’s argument is not another scolding of the young. Rather, he regrets how the no-longer-young have crippled the rising generation with kindness, flinching from the truth that the good pain of hard physical work produces the “scar tissue of character.”

“Adolescents spending scores of hours a week on screen time with their devices acquire “a zombie-like passivity” that saps their “agency.” This makes them susceptible to perpetual adolescence, and ill-suited to the velocity of life in an accelerating world of shorter job durations and the necessity of perpetual learning. In this world, Sasse warns, “college graduates will change not only jobs but industries an average of three times by age thirty.” Childhood obesity has increased 500 percent in five decades. For “the most medicated generation of youth in history,” sales of ADHD drugs have increased 8 percent a year since 2010. Research shows that teenage texters exhibit addictive, sleep-depriving behaviors akin to those of habit-denying addictive gamblers. Teenagers

clutching their devices “are spending nearly two-thirds of their waking hours with their eyes tied down and bodies stationary.” Five million Americans, many of them low-skilled young men, play 45 hours of video games per week.

In the long-running rivalry between the realist and romantic views of human nature, Sasse is firmly with the former. This aligns him against those who believe that schooling should be “a substitute for parents” as life’s “defining formative institution.” In the progressive view of education with which the philosopher John Dewey imbued America’s primary and secondary schools, parents “with their supposedly petty interests in their children as individuals” are deemed retrograde influences, hindering schools’ mission of making malleable young people outfitted with the proper “social consciousness.” Schools should embrace the need of “controlling” students and “the influences by which they are controlled.” Parents must be marginalized lest they interfere with education understood, as Sasse witheringly says, as “not primarily about helping individuals, but rather about molding the collective.”

It certainly seems that Sasse is onto something. I’m not sure of his religious thoughts and convictions, but he seems like a guy who would easily agree that a rigorist prayer life is a perfect partner to the rigorist work ethic that helps build a boy into a man and a girl into a woman. Indeed, in this context, it is good to remind ourselves that our Catholic tradition has always pointed to prayer as a kind of work. It is not how we initially think of prayer, primarily because we don’t get paid for praying. If we did, I confess, I would pray a lot more. But it is like work in that it requires time that we usually would rather be using for something else. But we should all strive for that attitude towards prayer that shows we know it is an obligation that we take seriously as well as a part of life that lifts our spirits. Prayer time is precious time. We should realize that for ourselves and for others. In terms of others, we should do our best not to do unnecessary shopping on Sundays.

**Don't miss out on something that could be great just because it could also be difficult.**

**"Tradition" - Do Everything to Preserve its Tenet's**  
By *Ralph Hathaway*

Why is it that so many so-called evangelists feel the need to put down Catholicism by finding fault with every subject we as Roman Catholics believe and adhere to? Turn on the TV and you'll find some particular preachers cannot exist unless they attack our Church with admonishments to warn others' of the incorrect direction the Catholic Church is going.

This very morning, July 12, 2017, one of these preachers made a statement about tradition by saying if you hear that mentioned run the other way. Isn't it ironic how some of these particular religions can not hold the interest of their viewers unless they attack the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Is it any wonder, at a time of uncertainty in the world, people are looking for a different direction in everything governing their lives that their faith is now under scrutiny from those who are not connected to Apostolic Succession? It appears they have found the only way to keep their growing audiences entertained is to bring down the dictates of our Church.

I want to inject here that there are a great number of TV Evangelists and Ministries that do not belong to those I am writing about in this article. They are, in many instances, right in-line with Catholic doctrine and beliefs. However, it only takes one bad apple to spoil the rest in a basket. Positive comments can easily be distracted by one negative pronouncement from ill-informed preachers.

Perhaps some of these preachers may even read this document and begin to boil at the thought that someone might have the audacity to confront their message. That's exactly what I am doing! One thing is for certain, Jesus never left a book of instructions as to how His Church would grow. It has taken nearly 2,000 years of trial and error on man's part and the patient teaching of the Holy Spirit's inspiration and enduring gift of Grace to bring us to where we are as a faithful people and trusting in a Loving God.

Have you ever seen or heard of any other religion attacked constantly by those who are supposed to be advocates of God's Word, by denouncing the Pope, the Sacraments, and our 2,000 years of guidance through our sacred tradition. It's as though they have decided to make their own catechism, which exalts their teaching, and at the same time ensuring the reader that Roman Catholic teaching is wrong. Of course, the use of subtle expressions is their mantra, but be sure the message is very clear and succinct.

Once we thought that foreign enemies, such as Isis and the Taliban, were those that threatened our way of life. But, alas, even in our own backyard are those that spend more time attacking the Holy Roman Catholic Church in ways that are so abhorrent to Christian Teaching it makes me wonder if there may not be Satanic influence in their church. Strike the Shepherd and the flock will fall as well. (Zechariah 13:7) .

You as the reader may make your own opinion, but keep in mind the words of Jesus: "You are rock and upon this rock I will build my church" (Mt 16: 13-20).

#### **CARRYING THE BURDENS OF LIFE**

By *George Calleja*

Every person in the world goes through different difficult moments in life. These difficulties or so called burdens of life can take the form of sickness, being unemployed, family arguments, the death of a family member... and many, many such other examples.

What I have observed through life, is that different people who could be experiencing same burdens of life, can react differently to such same situations, such as when facing a particular sickness. I have observed persons that when being faced with sickness, they react angrily against God and put the blame on God. These same people would carry the burden of their sickness by being bitter towards God and they would not be in peace with themselves, but would be living in despair.

I also have observed other people, who when faced with the same kind of sickness are at peace with themselves. These people had accepted their sickness in such a way, of knowing that God is with them, comforting them, loving them and giving them the necessary grace. The secret of these people is that they trust in Jesus and through the Cross He carries the burdens of their life... their sickness.

What a difference! What do you do, when you are faced with a burden in your life? Are you letting Jesus through the Cross to carry your burdens?

Our  
Weekly Offering



Our *Weekly Offertory* collection from the weekend of July 16, 2017 was \$2,702.00. The number of envelopes used was 68.

OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES & THE CASH-AND-CARRY FOLKS.

Our CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRIDAY 7/ 28/17

Are Irene, Barbara, Bronislawa & volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory office at 630.257.7000.

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR  
THE WEEK OF 7/16/17

St. James Altar & Rosary Society  
In honor of Patricia M. Carpino  
In loving memory of †Dorolres Magrini  
In memory of †Lillian Simanavicius



Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available in celebration of the wedding anniversary of **PATRICK & BASIA FORAN**

17TH ORDINARY SUNDAY 7/29 & 7/30/17	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Koys	A.Ramirez A. Ramirez J.P. Ramirez	R. Augustyn
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	J. Beecher J. Beecher S. Carver	C.. Stach- Pearman
9:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	N. Akroush J. Strzelczyk J. Strzelczyk	P. Brunk
11:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	J.P. Colarelli M. Colarelli S. Imbarrato	S. Hagen



**MASS**  
**INTENTIONS**

**Monday**      **July 24th-St. Sharbel Makhluf**  
**8:15 AM**      *Anniversary Blessing for Basia & Patrick Foran*

**Tuesday**      **July 25th-St. James**  
**8:15 AM**      †Zofia, †Jan & †Zbigniew Gradek

**Wednesday**      **July 26th-Sts. Joachim & Anne**  
**7:00 PM**      Coughlin/McNamara Families

**Thursday**      **July 27th**  
**8:15 AM**      †Joe Lakner

**Friday**      **July 28th**  
**6:00PM**      *Birthday Wishes for Rebecca Weber & †Anna Zajac*

***SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY***

**Saturday**      **July 29th-St. Martha**  
**5:00 PM**      †Paddy Hurley

**Sunday**      **July 30th**  
**8:00 AM**      †Walter Kozlawski  
**9:30 AM**      †Jozef Dziaba  
**11:30 AM**      †Joan Marie Wroebel



TEACH ME YOUR WAY, LORD  
THAT I MAY RELY ON YOUR  
FAITHFULNESS; GIVE ME AN  
**UNDIVIDED HEART**  
THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME.

PSALM 86:11