

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Rich Lasecki, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, and Georgine Keeler.

NEWS

Regarding our policy for mask wearing in church, if you are not fully vaccinated then you must wear a mask while inside the building. If you are fully vaccinated, we encourage you to continue wearing a mask while inside the building. It is important to be mindful of safe social distancing. If you are coming forward to receive Communion, please allow time for the person ahead of you to step away after receiving before coming forward.

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor (d. 1619) St. Lawrence was born in 1559. He entered the Capuchin Friars, 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. He wrote many works explaining the faith and died in Lisbon in 1619. July 21

Mary Magdalene Mary Magdalene was one of Christ's disciples and was present when he died. Early on the morning of the Resurrection, she was, according to St. Mark's account (16:9), the first to see the risen Lord. By the twelfth century particularly, devotion to St. Mary Magdalene was widespread in the western Church. July 22

Bridget, Religious (d. 1373) St. Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She married and gave birth to eight children for whom she was a devoted mother. After her husband's death she continued to live in the world but devoted herself to the ascetic life as a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. She then founded a religious order and, journeying to Rome for the sake of penance, became a model of great virtue to all. She also wrote many works in which she related her mystical experiences. St. Bridget died at Rome in 1373. July 23

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**St. Joseph of Stratford
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July 18, 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

*We humans have lost the
wisdom of genuinely resting and
relaxing. We worry too much.
We don't allow our bodies to
heal, and we don't allow our
minds and hearts to heal.*

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

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In today's gospel passage (Mark 6:30-34) we find the apostles returning from the mission Jesus sent them on in last week's passage. They report all they had done and taught. Rather than comment on what they report Jesus responds by telling them to, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." In last week's passage Jesus was sending them to the people, in this week's passage Jesus is sending them away from the people.

Like the tide coming in and then going out, there is an interplay of work and rest in our lives. If we understand that rest is not simply the absence of work, but is as vital to the rhythm of our lives as the rest stop is to a musical score, then we can appreciate why Jesus is directing the apostles to rest. He is directing them to maintain the rhythm of their lives so that they can carry on. Good advice for the rest of us.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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