

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 12, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 7/12 11:00	Harry Vaughn +	Virginia Vaughn
Wed. 7/15 9:00	Suzette Oleksyk	
Thurs. 7/16 12:10	Suzette Oleksyk	
Fri.. 7/17 9:00	Suzette Oleksyk	
Sat. 7/18 4:00	Lee Smith +	Virginia Vaughn

### Stewardship Thought

It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive. God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things.

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### Scripture Readings

Sunday 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Monday Saint Henry Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Saint Bonaventure Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Our Lady of Mount Carmel Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21 Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

### Saint of the Week

**St. Veronica**, (flourished 1st century CE, Jerusalem; feast day July 12), renowned legendary woman who, moved by the sight of [Christ](#) carrying his cross to [Golgotha](#), gave him her kerchief to wipe his brow, after which he handed it back imprinted with the image of his face. In [Roman Catholicism](#), [Anglicanism](#), [Lutheranism](#), and certain other Christian traditions, she is honoured at the sixth station in the meditative [Stations of the Cross](#). Her imprinted kerchief is commonly known as the [Veil of Veronica](#), or simply Veronica, and there are several existing images that are each purported to be the original [relic](#) or an early copy of it. The account of St. Veronica is thought to be a [legend](#) originally derived from *Historia ecclesiastica* (written 312–324; [Ecclesiastical History](#)) by [Eusebius of Caesarea](#). Eusebius tells us that at Caesarea Philippi there lived the woman whom Christ healed of a hemorrhage ([Matthew](#) 9:20). In the [apocryphal](#) *Acts of Pilate* (4th/5th century), this woman is identified with the name Veronica. Later tradition held that Christ gave the healed Veronica a miraculous cloth, which was allegedly used to cure the emperor [Tiberius](#) of [leprosy](#), and the cloth was eventually understood as being the Veil of Veronica. In [France](#), Veronica was reportedly married to the convert Zaccheus the tax collector ([Luke](#) 19:1–10). In the Bordeaux district, she supposedly brought relics of the Blessed Virgin to Soulac-sur-Mer, where she died and was buried. By some accounts, the name Veronica is itself a fanciful derivation from the words *vera icon* (Latin *icon* from Greek *eikōn*), meaning “true image,” and was originally used for the kerchief and later applied to the legendary woman.



### Father's Column

St. Ignatius of Antioch: The Eucharist and Self-Offering

Last weekend, my homily included quotations from the early Christians, including St. Ignatius of Antioch, who was a direct disciple of the Apostles themselves. As bishop of Antioch, he was sentenced to death around the year 107 A.D., and was brought to Rome for his execution. Along the way, he authored seven letters that survive to us today.

With this column, I want you to read for yourselves one of the most moving quotes from this great saint. Many times Ignatius writes about the Eucharist. Here, he prays he can offer himself in sacrifice in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice itself:

“I write to all the Churches, and impress on them all, that I shall willingly die for God, unless ye hinder me. I beseech of you not to show an unseasonable goodwill towards me. Suffer me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of God.

Rather entice the wild beasts, that they may become my tomb, and may leave nothing of my body; so that when I have fallen asleep (in death), I may not be found troublesome to any one. Then shall I be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world shall not see so much as my body. Entreat the Lord for me, that by these instruments I may be found a sacrifice to God. I do not, as Peter and Paul, issue commandments unto you. They were apostles of Jesus Christ, but I am the very least (of believers): they were free, as the servants of God; while I am, even until now, a servant. But when I suffer, I shall be the freedman of Jesus Christ, and shall rise again emancipated in Him. And now, being in bonds for Him, I learn not to desire anything worldly or vain.”

Christ demanded His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. In these words of Ignatius, we can see how literally the early Christians took the Lord's message. May worthy receptions of Holy Communion also give us the grace to allow the sacrifice of Christ to echo in our own bodies and lives.

### Pastoral Council Meeting

Our next Pastoral Council Meeting will be on Thursday, July 16th at 10:15 am.

### DSA

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Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Suzette Oleksyk, Dr. Larry Barbles, Patricia Pittari, Adele Hopkins, Maureen Hunt, Judy Sneed.

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.  
Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.