

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 7/26 11:00	Ron Simmons	Maddy & Fred Wooldridge
Wed. 7/29 9:00	No Mass	
Thurs. 7/30 12:10	No Mass	
Fri.. 7/31 9:00	No Mass	
Sat. 8/01 4:00	Ernestine Medlar	Dixie Barton

Stewardship Thought

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities and spiritual lives will definitely change.

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Saint of the Week

St. James the Apostle

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." St James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fisherman followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die. As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.

Scripture Readings

Sunday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127- 128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Monday Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Saint Martha Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday Saint Peter Chrysologus Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Saint Ignatius of Loyola Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Saint Alphonsus Liguori Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33- 34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



Father's Column

The Truth About Latin in the Church

Many attribute the collapse of Latin in the Catholic Church to Pope John XXIII, but the exact opposite is true. In fact, one could argue that Pope John defended Latin more than any other pope in history.

On February 22, 1962, a mere eight months before the opening of the Vatican II (and, I would contend, in preparation for the council), John XXIII signed his Apostolic Constitution *Veterum Sapientia*, on the promotion of the study of Latin in the Church. Not only do documents of this type hold great authority, but the Pope signed it with the greatest ceremony possible to show its importance, namely on the high altar of St. Peter's and in the presence of dozens of cardinals, hundreds of bishops, and thousands of seminarians. So what did it say?

After addressing the nature of Latin and its history in the Church, the Pope goes on to the heart of the document: "And We also, impelled by the weightiest of reasons—the same as those which prompted Our Predecessors and provincial synods—are fully determined to restore this language to its position of honor, and to do all We can to promote its study and use. The employment of Latin has recently been contested in many quarters, and many are asking what the mind of the Apostolic See is in this matter. We have therefore decided to issue the timely directives contained in this document, so as to ensure that the ancient and uninterrupted use of Latin be maintained and, where necessary, restored."

Unfortunately, this important document was completely overshadowed by Vatican II and so its effects were never felt. So, did Vatican II do away with Latin? Again, the opposite: "the use of Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites" (Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 36).

So, what happened to Latin? The truth is that in disobedience to John XXIII and Vatican II, it was simply dropped from nearly all aspects of the Church following the Council. To this day, however, it technically remains in force.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to lector and usher during weekend Masses. Please contact the office if you can help out.

CONGRATULATIONS

Camilia Isabella Gomaz de Dios received the sacrament of Baptism on July 25, 2020.

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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.