

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 25, 2021

*The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season. — Psalm 145:15*

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## HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King) ..... 5:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (español)  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 8:00 AM  
Friday (español) ..... 7:00 PM

## CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King) ..... 4:15-4:45 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:15-8:45 AM; 11:15-11:45 AM  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 7:30 AM



**Join us for Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, July 25 after 9:00 AM Mass**

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

**— Next weekend —  
Installation of Fr. Peter Ascik  
as our pastor  
10:00 AM Mass  
Followed by reception**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, July 25

8:15 AM ..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM ..... Mass (Tillie Miskell) (SM)  
10:00 AM ..... Coffee & Donuts (SM Parish Hall)  
11:20 AM ..... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM ..... Mass (Pro Populo) (español - SM)

### Monday, July 26

7:30 AM ..... Confessions (SM)  
8:00 AM ..... Mass (Megan Carscaddon) (Chapel)  
9:00 AM ..... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM ..... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, July 27

7:30 AM ..... Confessions (SM)  
8:00 AM ..... Mass (+Harold & +Marguerite Scheele) (Chapel)

### Wednesday, July 28

7:30 AM ..... Confessions (SM)  
8:00 AM ..... Mass (Zuzana & Steven Rybnicek) (Chapel)

### Thursday, July 29 - No events scheduled

### Friday, July 30

7:00 PM ..... Mass (Katie Carscaddon) (español-SM)  
After Mass ... Confessions (SM)

### Saturday, July 31

10:00 AM ..... Baptisms (SM)  
11:30 AM ..... Diaz-Benitez Anniversary Mass (SM)  
4:15 PM ..... Confession (CK)  
5:00 PM ..... Mass (+Pro Populo) (CK)

### Sunday, August 1

***Pastoral Installation of Fr. Peter Ascik at 10:00 AM  
Mass - Time change for this week only!***  
10:00 AM ..... Mass (David & Laura Carscaddon) (SM)  
11:30 AM ..... Reception (SM Parish Hall)



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### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Marilyn Giffin, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Dorothy McNamara, Jimmy Marks, Javier Mendez, Pat Mullen, Joanne Nestved, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, and Jim & Mary Zeunik.

### EXTENDED CHAPEL HOURS

The Chapel is now open 6:00 AM-10:00 PM with door code 5440#. Always stay within the limits marked by the "Alarm" signs. Security cameras are active inside and outside the chapel.

### LEGION OF MARY - PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

*How beautiful that the Mother of the Lord Jesus has come to this home!*

The Legion of Mary invites you to bring our Lady of Fatima - the Pilgrim Virgin - into your home for a 2-week visit. You will enjoy praying the Holy Rosary with her and bringing your family together to share in the special time of prayer to deepen your faith, hope, and charity. Visit [www.SaintMaryShelby.org](http://www.SaintMaryShelby.org) and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation. **If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!**

### WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

"Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

"Teach us to give and not to count the cost."

"Go forth and set the world on fire."

*-St. Ignatius of Loyola*

### STEWARDSHIP

*Use what talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.*

- Monthly Offertory:
 

	May 2021	Monthly Budget	May 2020
SM	\$16,334	\$20,215	\$16,870
CK	\$1,676	\$4,510	\$1,800
- Diocesan Support Appeal helps provide annual funding for 50 ministries and programs necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. Our parish's assessed goals are \$26,181 at St. Mary and \$2,741 at Christ the King. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks to those who have given already.
- Cleaners Please find a substitute if you are not able to clean on your assigned weekend. Thank you for your service!! 7/25 - Joel Aleman, Graciela Arroyo, Ignacia Bandera; 8/1 - El Coro
- Please bring donations of non-perishable food and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the donation barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity!
- Online Giving: Please consider using online giving for your weekly tithe to St. Mary or Christ the King. You can use credit or debit cards, or your bank account. Text giving is now available at both churches. Learn more at [SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving](http://SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving).
- A longtime St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to work, and does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping with a few basic needs. If you would like to help defray the cost, please contribute to the Poor Box or place a check in the collection basket with "Poor Box" on the memo line. Please keep him in your prayers.

## *New Holy Mass Schedule*

- ◆ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8:00 AM; with Confession 30 minutes before each Mass
- ◆ Thursday - No Holy Mass
- ◆ Friday - 7:00 PM, with Confessions and Adoration after Mass
- ◆ Saturday and Sunday - No Changes

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 7-16, 2021**

There are a few slots left in the Holy Land Pilgrimage that Fr. Kottar was planning for November. If you would like to go, please contact Jean in the parish office. Fr. Jim Conover, a very experienced pilgrimage priest from NJ, has offered to lead the group as spiritual director. He has traveled on pilgrimage to the Holy Land 8 times.

**\$3,899 from Charlotte,  
includes flights, hotels, and most meals.  
For more information contact the parish  
office: 704-487-7697 x103**

### **FEAST OF FAITH: THE PREFACE DIALOGUE**

“Lift up your hearts.” “We lift them up to the Lord.” “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.” “It is right to give him thanks and praise.” With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be “lifted up,” to ascend, to climb the Lord’s mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to “eucharist!” It is right and just that we do this.

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## *Who were Saints Anne and Joachim?*

**On July 26, the Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne.** The couple’s faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ. The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary’s parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church’s traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne, and their daughter.

The Protoevangelium of James, which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary’s father Joachim as a wealthy member of the tribe of Judah. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. “He called to mind Abraham,” the early Christian writing says, “that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac.” Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel. As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.” St Joachim and St Anne have been a part of the Church’s liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts Joachim and Anne on a different date, September 9.

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## FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend and experienced the peace and love of God's forgiveness.

**First Communion Mass — Saturday, August 7 – 11:00 AM**

### THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

**July - Social friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**August - The Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).
- Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).
- Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).
- Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne (See story on page 3)
- Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
- Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus
- Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola (See quotes on page 2)