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## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

JULY | 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)

9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)

11:30am English (organ & cantor)

1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 27**

8:30 a.m. Olinda Salcedo, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez (D), Ana Felicita Hernandez—  
conversión, Dora Lora (D), Luis Carlos Flores Ortega (D)

12:00 p.m. Regino Figura, Jane Weiss Amancio Borja (D) (D)

**Tuesday, July 28**

8:30 a.m. Ricardo Reyes (D), Acción de gracias a la Vrgen de Altagracia— favores concedidos

12:00 p.m. Delores Pedroza (D)

**Wednesday, July 29**

8:30 a.m. Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus, Gladys Hernandez, Maria Zapata, Dolores Hernandez (D), Jose Peguero Montero & Jose Peguero Mejia (D)

12:00 p.m. St. Raphael, St. Michael, God Almighty, Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit, the Blessed Trinity

**Thursday, July 30**

8:30 a.m. Don Té, Candidad Marte, Doña Gloria, Agripina Marte (D)

12:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 31**

8:30 a.m. Jose Aviles (D)

12:00 p.m. Elena Abrea (D) - 2nd anniversary

**Saturday, August 1**

7:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Jose Ramon Taveras (D), Marina Espinal Hernandez (D), Ramon Ceballos (D)

**Sunday, August 2**

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Nicelia Garcia (D), Ciprian Zabala (D), Mercedes Pelaez & Eddie Cardenaz (D)

11:30 am Betsy Dedvukaj (L), Honor of St. Anthony & Baby Jesus

1:30 pm All Souls (D)

## READINGS

**First Reading:**

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

**Psalm:**

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

**Second Reading:**

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called

according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

**Gospel:**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again,

and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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## Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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

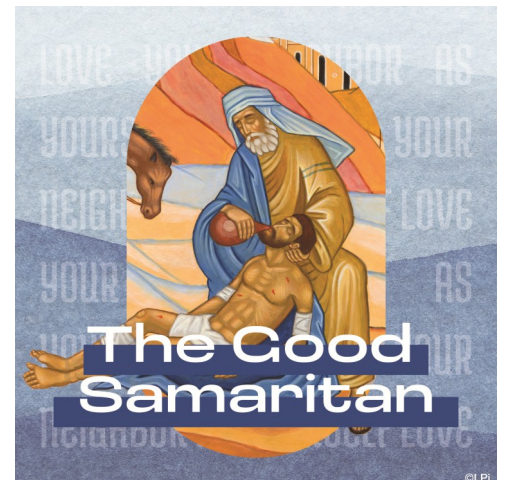
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

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

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

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

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



The Good Samaritan

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Matthew 13:44-52**

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Choosing Heaven**

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

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