

## Calendar

### Monday

July 24

Weekday

Ex 14:5–18

Mt 12:38–42

### Tuesday

July 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

### Wednesday

July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15

Mt 13:1–9

### Thursday

July 27

Weekday

Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b

Mt 13:10–17

### Friday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 20:1–17

Mt 13:18–23

### Saturday

July 29

St. Martha

Ex 24:3–8

Mt 13:24–30

### Sunday

July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

# Dear Padre,

## If I'm late for Mass, can I receive the Eucharist?

There is no hard-and-fast rule on how “late” one can be for Mass and still receive Communion. Holy Communion is offered outside of Mass at times, so theoretically you could come during the Communion rite and still receive Communion.

But there is more to be considered with this question. If you are going to go Mass, you should be there from the beginning to the end. You should be there before the entrance procession begins and you should stay until the last verse of the final song is sung. Things happen, like an unexpected train on the way to Mass or a sick child who needs attention and care. However, if you find yourself always coming late to Mass, you may need to make a change in your routine.

I remember cleaning out a closet of a church I was stationed at, and I found a sign with ropes attached to it. It stated, “Mass has begun, the next Mass begins at...” and there was a place where you could list the time of the next Mass. I was told the ropes were tied across the entrance so you couldn't come into Mass late.

Those days are gone, though. It's up to you to follow your conscience. It is important to participate in the entire celebration, but if on the rare occasion you come late to Mass, ask yourself, “*Can I prepare myself to worthily receive Communion at this moment?*” If you can answer “yes” to that question, then I would say it would be OK to receive Communion.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

“With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. ‘God is love’ (1 John 4:8, 16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus’ entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.”

—Misericordiae Vultus, April 11, 2015



# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*July 23, 2017*

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**then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,  
"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn.""**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m.  
**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

*Mass Schedule for this Week*  
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family  
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions  
Sat 5 pm +Vermont Saucier  
9:00am +Greg Garstka

Mon 8:00am Benefactors  
Tues 8 am +Greg Garstka  
Wed 6:00 pm +Cubby Ladner  
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete  
Fri 8 am Spec Int

## **From Father Khoa's Desk...**

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

The Scripture this Sunday instruct us about one of the most difficult dilemmas facing Christians living in a world filled with voices contrary to the Gospel. It is the challenge of dealing with the **problem of evil** in our lives. The struggle involves every generation and every culture and many books have been written under the general heading of "why do bad things happen to good people?" Most of us grow up with the moral understanding that the good should be rewarded and the evil should be punished. However, when we look around us at the world, the weeds seem to be doing better than the wheat and no one seems to be able to change the situation. Through the parable about the weeds growing among the wheat Jesus addresses the problem of evil from the perspective of God's creation. He speaks of the necessary tension between good and evil in our world and the fact that both can exist side by side in a divinely created universe. Why is this so? Because it lies within the essence of God's mystery of creation. The tension between good and evil is not yet resolved because creation itself is not yet finished. While we speak of God as having created the world, it is perhaps better to say that God *is continuously creating* a good world and wants us to be very involved in the process of creation. In other words, God has given us an important role in bringing about the fullness and dignity of all creation.

The moral challenge for Christians is to learn to live responsibly in a world that is very often unjust, unloving, and just plain evil. And today's Gospel passage is very insistent on the teaching that God is the author of not only creation but the final justice that everyone

will enjoy in the end. God will bring to perfection what he has begun. So while it is not up to us to eradicate evil from the world, we do have an important part to play in terms of being witnesses of God's design for all creation. However, we must accept this role with a good deal of humility and with careful study and prayer. The Gospel today gently but firmly reminds us of God's plan for all creation. If we can learn to cooperate with this plan, we will discover real joy in helping to bring about the kingdom where the final justice of God will dwell for all to experience.

*May God bless all of us!*

**...Fr. Khoa**

### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**64**Identifiable: **\$1,084.00**; Loose: **\$1,865.00**;

Total: **\$2,949.00**; Children: **\$7.25**;

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Identifiable: **\$60.00**; Loose: **\$92.00**; Total:

**\$152.00**

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Lizana Light:** Next weekend is the fifth weekend. The second collection will be for Lizana Light. For more information, please contact **Doris or Diane**. Thank you.

**Catfish Festival:** Wanda Brignac, Karen Parker, Jenny Hinton, Drew/Cheryl Papania, and Verna Mae please pick up the T-shirt in the office. Thank you very much.

**Pianist:** Our Saturday 5pm mass needs a pianist. If you can help us, please call the office. Thank you.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat July 22 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Kay VanPelt	Austin S.	Kermit Ira Necaize	WC and Lennell King
Sun July 23 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Teny Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun July 23 9am	Kathleen Cuevas	Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz, Lester Palmer	Carson Keegan	Will Burke Garland	Danny & Kim Wood Family
Sat July 29 5pm	Kim Wood	Mike Mays, Diane Mays, Doris Snowden	Austin S.	Mike August	Kermit & Dianne Northrop
Sun July 30 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Teny Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun July 30 9am	Kathleen Cuevas	James Quintini, Will Burke, Carolyn Brewer	Will Nick	Pat Robert	Will & Susan Peleaz

## **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Parish Council:** We welcome Andrew Barrett as a new member to our parish council. The parish council still need 1 more member. If you or someone you know want to serve our parish, please call the parish office to give the names and contact number. Meet third Saturday. Thank you very much.

**Knights of Columbus:** Meet first Sunday. For more info, please contact Thomas Moran 228-234-2572.

**The Word Among Us Reflections** for July is available at the Church entrance.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**Lost:** Small rosary in brown zippered bag.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**RCIA:** Please contact **Henrietta Ladner**.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
*Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.* Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:** Leslie Cuevas, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Adrene Dedeaux, Robert Necaize, and Nancy Moran.