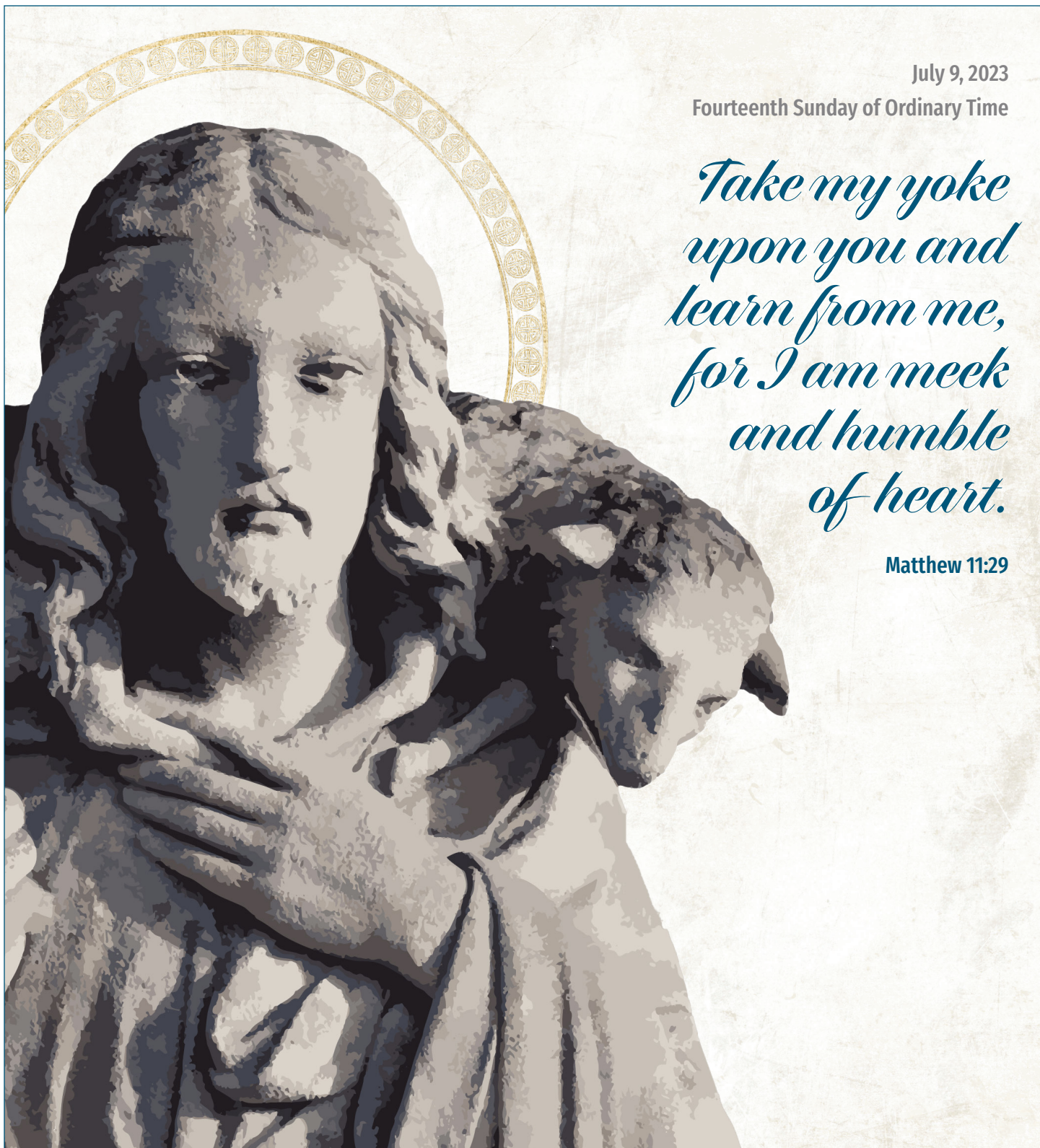


July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Take my yoke  
upon you and  
learn from me,  
for I am meek  
and humble  
of heart.*

Matthew 11:29



The Italian Catholic Community at

*St. John the Baptist Church*

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

Since this is my last weekend as the administrator of **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist** parishes, please allow me to express my deepest gratitude to all of you.

I feel like a **Gypsy** moving from place to place. It is a difficult process to be on the move and changing parishes so often, even before I begin to know my parishioners. But there is also a positive side to it. Because I worked in so many countries (**Poland, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Scotland, and USA**) and so many parishes, it gives me a great opportunity to learn how beautiful, diverse and complex is our **Church**.

My dear friends, I would like to thank our parish staff members: **Aggie Howard** and **Vicky Scruggs** for being great helpers in supporting me in the process of coordinating: pastoral, financial, and technical needs of our parishes.

**Gina Bishop** and **John Huffman** always make our liturgies special; thank you both for sharing your talents with us.

**Jim Merckling** and **Dale Romick** always made my life easier by their commitment to liturgical preparations and taking care of the sacristy.

**Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Money Counters**, those preparing coffee and doughnuts for us every weekend, and so many other groups involved in keeping our churches beautiful, active, alive – to all of you, from the bottom of my heart: **THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND REWARD YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH.**

I experienced an amazing time with you. Please remember me in your prayers.

**With joy and gratitude in my heart.**

**Fr. Andrew**

The Mass is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our website: [www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com) under **Livestream Mass**.

**Confessions heard before Mass – Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

### MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 7/9	9:30 a.m.	+ Lucian Susi by Carol Thompson
Monday 7/10		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 7/11		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sunday 07/16	9:30 a.m.	+ Maria & Luigino Camperchioli by David & Michelina Ross
Monday 7/17	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Ed Pagnanelli by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
Tuesday 7/18	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Angelina D'Alberto by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** **Joyce Tisone**  
by Carl Tisone

**Blessed Sacrament:** **Danny LaPenna**  
by Joe Gioffre

### PARISH INFORMATION

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*Office Hours: are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Email: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org)*

**Father Andrew Kozminski, SAC** – Administrator/Rector  
**Father Antonio Kim** – Chaplain, Korean Catholic Community  
**Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant  
**Mrs. Victoria Scruggs** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor  
**Mrs. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy  
**Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays

**Sacrament of Penance** – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

**Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation**  
(by appointment)

**Sacrament of Matrimony** (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

**Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults**, (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

**Saint John Italian Festival** (please visit our website for more information)

**Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall** (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon**.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, July 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Gretchen Heininger, Landa Brunetto
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	AnneMarie Pastore, Al Iosue, Ed Pagnanelli, Kurt Heininger, Pat Rossetti
<b>Euch. Min 3, 4, 5:</b>	
Sunday	Sunday, July 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Valerie Milano, Kurt Heininger
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Gretchen Heininger, Pat Rossetti, Antonio
<b>Euch. Min 3, 4, 5:</b>	D'Alberto, Andrea Myers, Sharon D'Alberto

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** We begin the **Rosary** around **9:00-9:05 a.m.**, and it takes about **15-20** minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact **Kevin Koesters 937-902-7446** or via email [k.koesters32@gmail.com](mailto:k.koesters32@gmail.com). Leaders for **July** are:


<b>July 9</b>	<b>Kevin Koesters</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Gary Bosco</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Tania Wade</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Gary Bosco</b>

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL  
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

**\*\*If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, and John Contino.**



**Requiescat in pace!** In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of: **Tony Caradonna** who passed away. **May he rest in peace with the Risen Lord!** A Memorial Mass will be held at **St. John the Baptist Church** on **Friday, July 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**



**BANNS of MARRIAGE**  
**Dominic Joseph Clegg**  
**and Madison Kathleen Posk**  
**July 22, 2023**



**Congratulations to the family of Carmine and Allyn Carfagna whose son, Dario Sam Carfagna was baptized on Saturday, July 8, 2023. May the Holy Spirit be with you all!**

**Deepest Gratitude:** The Parishioners of St. John would like to express our deepest gratitude for the services of **Father Andrew!** Your positive attitude and love of **Christ** inspired all of us! You will be greatly missed! We wish you blessings and happiness in all your future endeavors!

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

7/9 Sunday	<b>SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Altar Guild Meeting – Marrapese Hall</b> 10:45 a.m. <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall</b> 12:00-3:00 p.m. <b>San Giovanni Dancers – Marrapese Hall</b> 3:30-5:00 p.m.
7/10 Monday	<b>SJB – No Mass</b> No Rotary Club Meeting
7/11 Tuesday	<b>SJB – No Mass</b> <b>St. John’s Faith Group – Marrapese Hall</b> 5:30-8:00 – Join Piave Club for dinner. <b>Piave Club Meeting</b> 6:30-8:00 p.m.
7/13 Thursday	<b>Sacred Heart Young Professionals Meeting – Cancelled – Fr. Kozminski</b>
7/14 Friday	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 7:00 p.m.
7/15 Saturday	<b>SJB Wedding LaFerlita- Zoeller – Msgr. Frank Lane</b> 2:30 p.m.
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b>
	<b>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall. There are no meetings in June or July.</b>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S**

July 2, 2023

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 34

Env:	\$ 1,215.00
Loose:	\$ 253.00
June EFT:	\$ 2,043.33
Total	\$ 3,511.33
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ <u>-(280.91)</u>
	\$ 3,230.42
Votives	\$ 70.00
Peters Pence	\$ 295.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 37.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 452.00

**?? ?? HOW IS ST. JOHN’S DOING? ?? ??**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/23-6/30/24)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$3,000.04	\$3,511.33	\$511.33	17%
FYTD:	\$3000.04	\$3,511.33	\$511.33	17%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 10, 2023**

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, July 17, 2023**

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**Future Italian Festival Meetings for 2023**

Date	Executive Board	General
July 24	6:00 p.m.	
August 14		6:00 pm
August 28	6:00 p.m.	
September 18	6:00 p.m.	
September 25	5:30 p.m.	6:30 pm

**Altar Guild Announcement:** Starting **Sunday, July 9**, the **Altar Guild** will be selling entries in the **Ohio State 2023** football season pool. All proceeds are used to support the altar needs of our beloved **St. John’s**. In the past, the **Guild** has purchased items such as the **altar cloths, banners, priest/deacon vestments, and the new tabernacle**. Cost of pool entry is **\$60.00 a square** which covers an entry for all 12 games of the season (**in effect \$5.00 a game**). There will be **four, \$100.00 winners per game**, for the scores at the end of each quarter. Score numbers will be drawn in **Sala Hall** after our **9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass** as soon as the pool is sold out, but no later than the **third Sunday of August**. Copies of the full score sheet will be distributed to all who sign up. This is a fun way to cheer the **Buckeyes** during the coming season, while also supporting the needs of our church. If interested in purchasing a square, see **Gary Bosco** in **Sala Hall** after any **Mass** starting on **July 9**. If paying by check, please make it out to **Altar Guild**. **As an FYI, this pool usually sells out within 4 weeks.**

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **July** is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious Resurrection.

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2023:** *For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.*

**Thank You for Peter's Pence Collection:** Thank you for your generous support in last week's **Peter's Pence Collection!** As a parish, we collected **\$295.00**. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help **Pope Francis** in his ministry to the **Universal Church**, including relief to people in need and support for the **Holy See**. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**August Special Election:** A special election will take place in **Ohio** on **August 8, 2023** to vote on **Issue 1**, which asks voters if **Ohio** should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment."

As our bishops remind us, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (**Faithful Citizenship, No. 13**). We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election:

- **July 10:** Deadline to **Register to Vote or Update Voter Information**
- **July 11-August 6:** **Absentee and Early In-Person Voting**
- **Tuesday August 8: ELECTION DAY**

**Please note:** *The bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 in August, as raising the threshold to amend the Ohio Constitution does not have any direct moral content. This is different than the proposed November 2023 ballot initiative which would expand and enshrine abortion which the Ohio bishops oppose. The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education.*

**Young Catholic Professionals:** Looking for a community with a professional focus grounded in **Catholic** values? Attend a **YCP** event and join like-minded, mission-driven peers to find **God** in all things and seek excellence and joy in every area of your life. **YCP** brings together young workers and seasoned business professionals in a variety of programs to foster **Catholic** identity, encourage community, and inspire action. The **Executive Speaker Series** is a free event open to the public in which executives share their career and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to "**Work in Witness for Christ**." Attendees enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers and have a chance to socialize before and after the evening's presentation. For more information, or to register for future events, please visit [www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org).

**Maria Stein Shrine: St. Joseph Fundraiser Dinner**  
Join us for an evening of dinner and music at the **Maria Stein Shrine** on **Thursday, July 20** in the **Upper Room**. The evening starts with cocktails and music at **5:30 p.m.**, dinner at **6:30 p.m.**, **St. Joseph Preservation Fund** update at **7:30 p.m.**, and concludes with the **Lima Symphony Stringed Quartet** and the **Minster Singing Quartet** at **7:45 p.m.** The cost is **\$30.00** per person, seating is limited. Register online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org) or call **Diana Russell** at **419-925-4532**.

**Bereavement Support Group Summer Sessions:** Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Then you are cordially invited to attend the summer session of **Seasons of Hope**. The program is presented by the **Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry** and is sponsored by the **North High Deanery**. It will be held on **FIVE** consecutive **Sundays**, from **2:00-4:00 p.m.**, beginning on **Sunday, July 9**, and running through **Sunday, August 6**. This **Catholic** grief support group will be held at **Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43214**. To register, please contact **Debbie Kennedy** at [kennedydeborah@yahoo.com](mailto:kennedydeborah@yahoo.com), or by phone at **614-937-0516**.

**2023 Jubilee of Anniversaries:** Couples celebrating their **25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th** (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in **2023** are invited to the annual **Jubilee of Anniversaries** in honor of their marriages. **Bishop Fernandes** will celebrate **Mass** at **2:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, September 10**, at **St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury**. Registration is now open at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>.



**Morning Offering:** *O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.*

**Today's Gospel:** The Gospel is from **St. Matthew 11:25-30**. **Pagans** and **Jews** had the same hardships of life to face as we have, and even greater ones. Death came to young and old then as it does now, but for them, it was a final parting from loved ones, and no hope of a future happy meeting served to lighten their sorrow. All their crosses were crushing weights, sent to make life more miserable. Life on earth was passed in gloom and darkness and there was no shining star in the heavens to beckon them on or give them hope. Therefore, the yoke of **Christ** is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to **Him**, and through **Him**, to our loving **Father** in heaven. The rule of life which **He** asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of **His**, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of sign-posts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. **He** does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty, but once the cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

– Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*  
by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

"The secret of the lives of the Saints is their familiarity and confidence with God, which grew within them and made it easier for them to recognize what was pleasing to Him. This familiarity overcomes the fear or the doubt that His will is not for our good."

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**Prayer:** *O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**Sunday, Jul 09, 2023****The unexamined life is not liberating**

Interested in ministering, healing, and caring? Intrigued by dream analysis, speaking in tongues, or miracles? Seeking transcendence or the art of meditation? Does your attention reside at the intersection of faith and psychology? If any of the above concern you, there's a Morton Kelsey book with your name on it. Episcopal priest, Jungian therapist, and prolific author, Kelsey notes that we're controlled by what we assume and have never thoughtfully considered: "You can't come to a new point of view until you realize what your brainwashing has been." Take the first step toward inner freedom. Review your assumptions.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."*

**Monday, Jul 10, 2023****Don't let setbacks throw you**

The first bishop of Denver, Joseph Machebeuf, who died on this day in 1889, was the basis for the character Joseph Vaillant in Willa Cather's 1927 novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Machebeuf was born in France and his character's French last name means "courageous"—for promoting the faith, in his case. In real life, Machebeuf was thrown from a carriage and disabled from his injuries, but went on to found schools and hospitals while overseeing the enormous growth of the Catholic population in Colorado. May his life inspire you to be valiant in overcoming challenges in your service to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

**Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023****The Bible according to Benedict**

When a team of theologians, medievalists, and artists began work on Saint John's Illuminated Bible in 1995, certain core values of Benedictine spirituality served as guiding principles. The finished product—the first hand-wrought copy of the Bible since the printing press in the 1400s—embodies some undeniable basics from Benedict's Rule, such as: the holiness of ordinary objects (simple goose quills for calligraphy) and the dignity of manual labor (vellum pages were hand-sanded repeatedly). But it's the larger themes of hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people that make it a rich text for our time. Contemplate this Bible's full significance at the Library of Congress website.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"I have seen God face to face," he said."*

**Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023****Foundation for a just society**

The Knights of Peter Claver was incorporated on this day in 1911, the fruit of a collaboration between three Josephite priests and three laymen in Mobile, Alabama. The black Catholic fraternal order was founded for African Americans in an age when much of the U.S. Church was still segregated and many Knights of Columbus councils refused to accept black members. Named for the historic Spanish Jesuit missionary to South America, the order has since gone on to incubate justice-minded Catholics in the United States and also in Saint Peter Claver's own mission base of

Colombia. The organization added a Ladies Auxiliary in 1922, which now outstrips the men in membership and activity. If you're interested in the intersection of the Catholic faith and social justice, support the Saint Peter Claver Foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

**Thursday, Jul 13, 2023****Let it reign**

The kingdom of God, or reign of God, means many things to many people. The term appears in today's gospel and in fact appears in the New Testament alone well over 100 times. Theologians have discussed its meaning over the centuries. They propose that in various contexts it refers to a heavenly reward, to Jesus himself, to the faithful as they pursue righteousness on Earth, to a culture based on love, mercy, and justice, and other variations on these themes. Like any big concept, there might not be one "right answer." How do you envision the kingdom of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

**Friday, Jul 14, 2023****A touch of faith**

"She who gropes her way" is an English translation of the Mohawk name Tekakwitha, Saint Kateri's second given name. That epithet is likely related to the fact that an outbreak of smallpox left Kateri orphaned, scarred, and visually impaired at the age of 4. As Kateri felt her way through her short life, she experienced the glories of nature, the riches of Catholic teachings, and the dignity of every soul. With help from family, friends, and a host of strangers, she discovered her true calling: to dedicate her life to God and give voice to God's truths. Pray to Saint Kateri that your vocation becomes crystal clear.

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say."*

**Saturday, Jul 15, 2023****What we leave behind**

History was not kind to the remains of Saint Bonaventure (1221-74), an Italian cardinal and minister general of the Franciscans. His many works of philosophy and theology are carefully preserved. But his body? Not so much. His torso was burned by invading Huguenots in 1562. His head, discovered to be uncorrupted 160 years after his death, was lost in the destruction of a church during the French Revolution. Only a lone arm has survived, resting in a church in Bagnoregio, Italy. Though your body will not last, your legacy can. Make it a good one.

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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