

# *St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake*

*Christ Centered + Biblically Grounded + Sacramentally Nourished +  
Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

July 19, 2020 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS SCHEDULE Celebrated by Father Kenneth Doyle**

**SATURDAY (vigil) ~ 6:30pm / SUNDAY ~ 8:30am**

Reconciliation ~ Saturday 6:00-6:30pm / Sunday 8:00-8:30am

**Interim Parish Administrator**

**Karen Walker ~ 607-264-3779**

[pastor@stmaryscoop.org](mailto:pastor@stmaryscoop.org)

Karen is in St. Mary's parish office each Monday or can be reached by phone.

**Parish Office ~ 547-2213**

Kitty Dykstra

Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Faith Formation Director ~**

POSITION AVAILABLE

call 315-269-8434 for information

**Anointing of the Sick ~ 547-3626**

Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital,  
contact the Chaplain Office's office

**Trustees**

Peter Henrici; Raymond McGoldrick

**Finance Chair**

Vincent Russo

**Pastoral Planning Chair**

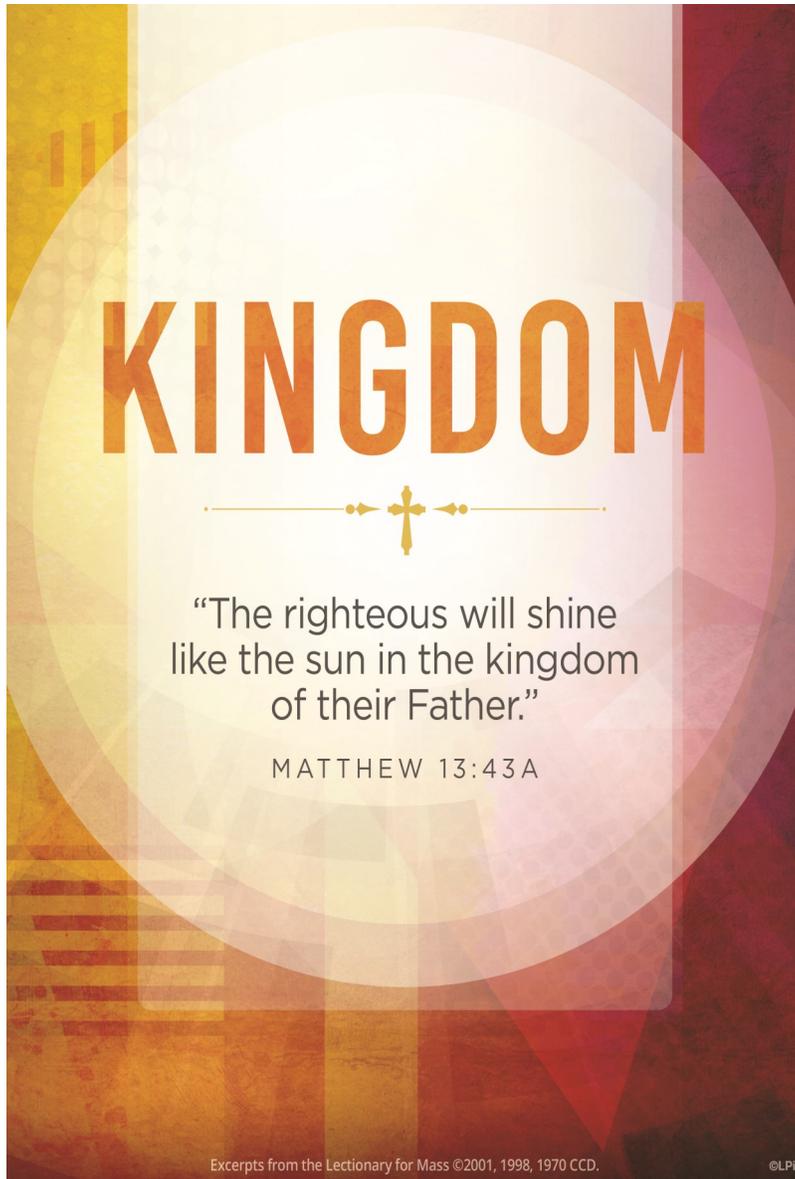
Rob Bohm

**Church Sexton**

Frank Liberati ~ 607-644-5958

**Cemetery Sexton**

John Sansevere ~ 607-435-9137



St Mary's new live stream channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLU1AjCYa9jQboBZU\\_KzVwg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLU1AjCYa9jQboBZU_KzVwg)

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◆ We are actively seeking a **Faith Formation Coordinator**. It is a paid position with varied hours. This ministry could be divided into two part-time positions: It is largely administrative but also skills in dealing with parents, young people and the community at large. Training is available. We need someone A.S.A.P. For more information please call Karen Walker at (315) 269-8434

◆ We are in need of volunteers to help before and after mass to satisfy all Diocesan and State regulations for **safety**. If you are interested please call Janet Eckard (607) 242-7468 who has volunteered to make our schedule.

◆ We need 3-4 **strong backs** to move a piece of furniture from the office into the rectory. Please coordinate with our sexton, Frank Liberati, if you can help. Frank's cell is (607) 644-5958. Thank you in advance.

◆ Please remember the **food pantry**; it is very easy. There is a monetary collection box in back of the church under the picture of the Blessed Mother, labeled **Food Pantry Offering** Your gifts are greatly appreciated and needed at this time.

◆ Both masses at St. Mary's are to be **live streamed and saved**. To view please go to the permanent link to the channel of the parish, and there you will always find whichever stream is taking place.

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Within the channel, the live stream will always appear right away on the landing page.

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◆ **St. Mary's bulletin** is on our website <http://stmaryscoop.org> If you are unable to access this, please call the office, 547-2213, to have the bulletin mailed to you.

◆ **Fr. Doyle will hear confessions** at St. Mary's and St. Thomas 1/2 hour before each mass. St Mary's Saturday 6:00-6:30pm & Sunday 8:00-8:30am. At St Thomas the Apostle in Cherry Valley confessions are Saturday 4:00-4:30p and Sunday 10:30-11:00am.

**Thank you for your generous support**

Saturday, July 11th

Attendance: 56 / Offertory: \$919.00

Sunday, July 12th

Attendance: 58 / Offertory: \$495.00

Mailed/Drop box offerings: \$ 694.00

E-giving 1,290.05

Food Pantry Donations \$35.00

*Money counters please call Kitty in the office, (607) 547-2213, to schedule upcoming weeks.*



**Saturday, July 18th**

6:30pm June Christman

Req. by the Family

**Sunday, July 19th**

8:30am Richard & Elizabeth Gralinski  
(birthday)

Req. by John & Deborah Gralinski

**Saturday, July 25th**

6:30pm Sister Agnes Mary

(Anniversary of Religious Vows)

Req. by Jim Gutierrez

**Sunday, July 26th**

8:30am Mandy Ashby

Req. by Jean & Louis Nicholson

Sister Cecilia Francis

(Anniversary of Religious Vows)

Req. by Jim Gutierrez

Mass intentions that had been scheduled during the time we were closed will be rescheduled. Please call the parish office to arrange a convenient date and time.



Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. Please

continue to pray for them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion next month.

“Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others.”

- *Gaudete et exsultate, 90 (On the Call to Holiness in today's World)*

*Thank you*

Thank you to Mike Lachance and Ernie Pasquale for all their help moving pews in the church!

Thank you to Walt Heinrich for PPE supplies!  
We are very grateful!

Thank you for the new volunteers to help clean; we still could use a few more to be able to rotate, contact Janet Eckard at 607 242-7468 to be put on the schedule.



Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Fr. Peter Pagonos ~ Abby Ashford ~  
Ivy Bischof ~ Maureen Brennan ~  
David Butler ~ Mary Devenpeck ~  
Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~

Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim Seward ~ Bradley Smith  
Sarah Tarr ~ Char Zackford

Pray for members of the military from our families  
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow

### Scriptural Insights

What is heaven like? Wouldn't we all like to know! So, it's not surprising that people asked Jesus this question. But instead of telling them about harps, clouds and pearly gates, he told them about seeds. It's true that the Kingdom of Heaven is the hope of eternal life, but according to Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven is not only something in our future. It's here already, planted like a seed in the hearts of those who believe, and in the Church, it may be hidden, like the seed, under the dirt or the yeast folded into dough, but it here, nevertheless. And Jesus promised that what is now concealed will someday be revealed. (Mt 10:26)

Pastoral Planning Committee meeting Monday, July 20, 6:30pm behind church; contact Rob Bohm if unable to attend (607) 435-9905

### CATHOLIC BIBLE IQ:

Fill in the blanks:

1. “But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
  - a) confidence, eyes, nations
  - b) power, witnesses, ends
  - c) eternal life, holy apostles, far reaches
  - d) money, bankers, trust funds
2. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. How did he die?
  - a) He was stoned to death,
  - b) He was crucified,
  - c) He was sent out into the desert without water,
  - d) He was thrown into the arena with lions
3. Who said it? “We must obey God rather than human authority” (Acts 5:29)
  - a) Saul, to Ananias,
  - b) Peter and the apostles,
  - c) Lydia, to the Philippian jailer,
  - d) Cornelius, resigning from his Roman army post

*Answers from last week's questions*

1. Jesus was born in  
**c) Bethlehem**
2. The book of Isaiah is in  
**b) Old Testament**
3. The proverb “God helps those who help themselves” is:  
**b) not in the Bible**



Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

For your might is the source of justice;  
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.  
(Wis 12:16)

### PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

### SECOND READING:

And the one who searches hearts  
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,  
because it intercedes for the holy ones  
according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

### GOSPEL:

"Let them grow together until harvest;  
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."" (Mt 13:30b)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
Saturday: St. James, Apostle  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



NEVER GET TIRED  
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS  
FOR OTHERS.  
SOMETIMES THOSE  
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY  
THE BIGGEST PART  
OF THEIR HEARTS.

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The Jewish sage speaks of God as master of all who judges us with clemency and governs us with leniency. What are some areas of your life that make you grateful for a merciful God?

### SECOND READING

Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that the Spirit helps us "to pray as we ought." When do you find yourself most at prayer?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. What do you think makes Jesus' parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?

## DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He

liked to say, “Do the drill,” meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHY DO CATHOLICS EAT FISH ON FRIDAY?

Answer: For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on “why we do what we do” among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from

meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.



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## LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.



### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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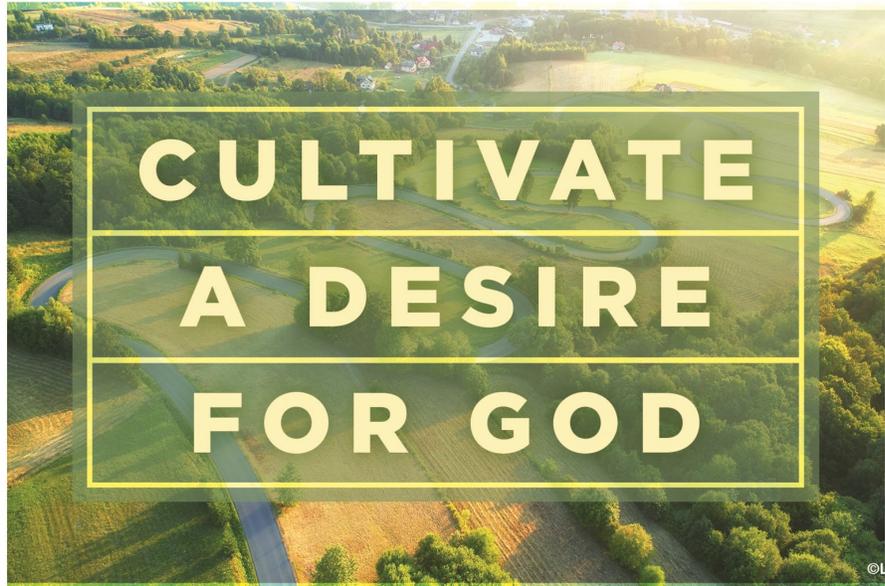
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into



the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to

deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

*"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; 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." ' ' - Mt 13:29-30*

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## 3 EASY STEPS

### TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



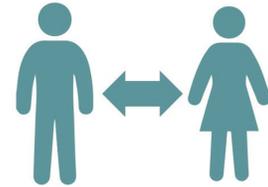
#### WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



#### DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



#### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

WHEREVER  
THE LORD GOES,

*I will follow.*

# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

## PRAYER

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.

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