FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 16, 2023

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass and daily Mass offered at 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

OPEN WEEKDAYS
6:30 am – 5:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS
7:30–8:00 am
(Monday through Friday)
3:30–4:50 pm (Sat)
9:00–9:50 am (Sun)
11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP
DEVOTIONS
Following 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mass (Tues)
EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)
Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski and the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to the glory of God and built for the inspiration of all who enter. Public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available most weekdays, call for availability.

All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer, but not to receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith and full membership in the Catholic community. Together let us pray for the eventual unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Basilica Parish, please complete a registration card, available at the entrances the church.

All contributions to the Cathedral Basilica parish, ministries, and maintenance are sincerely appreciated.

Cathedral Concerts
314.533.7662

Tours
314.373.8205

Mass Intentions
Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Requests for Mass intentions may be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

Mass Intentions
Sun. July 16th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. John “Ivica” Dilber
10:00 a.m. James Syron
12:00 p.m. Joseph Sovkenik III
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. July 17th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Tues. July 18th - St. Camillus de Lellis
7:00 a.m. Kim Specht
8:00 a.m. Sean Patrick Flachs
12:05 p.m. Sondra Long

Wed. July 19th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Evelyn Lowery
8:00 a.m. Curtis Matthew Davis
12:05 p.m. Louise Campbell

Thur. July 20th - St. Apollinaris
7:00 a.m. Louie & Vonnie Jaeger
8:00 p.m. Donna Steiner
12:05 p.m. Ellen Kanavy

Fri. July 21st - St. Lawrence of Brindisi; Bl. Francis Jordan
7:00 a.m. Walter & Ragna Specht
8:00 a.m. Charles and Jenny Harkison
12:05 p.m. Ann Francis Smith

Sat. July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
5:00 p.m. Charles Roy Wagner

Sun. July 23rd - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Richelle Weisbrod
10:00 a.m. Liv Buchholz
12:00 p.m. Paul & Cora Verne
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, July 16th, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, but is superseded by the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. While not directly celebrating the memorial, it is good to recall its meaning. We find its origins in Our Lady's appearance to St. Simon Stock, one of the early founders of what is known as the Carmelite Order. Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying: "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire .... It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."

Another important aspect of wearing the Scapular is the Sabbatine Privilege. This concerns a promise made by Our Lady to Pope John XXII in 1322. In the papal letter, Sacratissimo uti culminie, he recounted a vision that he had. He stated that the Blessed Virgin said to him in this vision, concerning those who wear the Brown Scapular: "I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death and whomsoever I shall find in Purgatory, I shall free, so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting."

According to Church tradition, there are three conditions necessary to participate in this Privilege: wear the Brown Scapular, observe chastity according to your state in life, and pray the Rosary. In addition to the Sabbatine Privilege, enrollment in the Brown Scapular also makes a person part of the Carmelite family throughout the world, and they; therefore, share in all of the prayers and good works of the Carmelite Orders.

Through this devotion, the Lord called us all through the intercession of His beloved mother, Mary, Our Lady of Carmel, to turn towards Him and to be converted. The Lord called on everyone to put their trust in Him, and His ever-loving mother always has her gaze on us all, too, as we are all her adopted children, having been entrusted to her from the Cross by her Son. And through her and her many apparitions to men and women throughout centuries, Mary, Our Lady of Carmel, has endeavored to bring us all ever closer to the Lord, to her Son, Our Savior.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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We are called to seek the Lord and share Him with others

Like Mary Magdalene, we are impelled by the love of Christ to share the Good News.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene on July 22. She’s known as the “apostle to the apostles” because she was the first person to whom Christ appeared in the Gospels, and He sent her to the apostles with the news of the resurrection. Besides telling us about her mission, the readings for her feast day give us two important themes for reflection.

The first comes from the Song of Songs: “I sought him whom my heart loves.” In the context of the feast day, this is basically the song of Mary Magdalene at the tomb, looking for Christ. The question for reflection is: Does this same attitude characterize our daily life? When we wake up in the morning, are we looking for Christ or something else? When we watch or read the news, are we looking for Christ or something else? When we want to relax at the end of a busy day, are we looking for Christ or something else? What would our days look like if we had more of the spirit of Mary Magdalene guiding us?

The second theme comes from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians: “the love of Christ impels us.” In the context of the feast day, this gives us a twofold window into Mary Magdalene. The love of Christ impelled her to visit the tomb and also to bring the good news to the apostles. The question for reflection is: Does the love of Christ impel our daily life, too, in both of those directions? Does the love of Christ impel us to church — to Mass, to adoration — to seek the Risen Christ? And then does the love of Christ impel us forth from the church to share the Good News with our neighbors: “I have seen the Lord!”?

One aspect of the good news that the world needs to hear from us today is the reality of the spiritual world. St. Ambrose said: “Do not believe only what the eyes of your body tell you.” Many people today believe only in the reality of the physical world, the economic world, the military world and the political world. All those things are real and important. They’re also transitory. The spiritual world is not only real, it’s more important because it’s eternal! But it’s also more subtle, so we need to pay deeper attention to notice it.

This week we hear the account of Moses meeting God at the burning bush. The burning bush is not only an event, it’s also a pattern for the spiritual life. God conveys spiritual realities to us through visible signs. God, who made us, knows that we need sensible signs to lead us to spiritual realities. So that’s what we see all through salvation history, from the burning bush to the blood of the lamb sprinkled on the doorpost to the Body and Blood of Christ present to us under the form of bread and wine.

Like Mary Magdalene, we can be people who “seek him whom my heart loves” in the midst of the visible world. And, like Mary Magdalene, we can be people who are impelled by the love of Christ to go forth and tell others: In and through these visible signs, I have seen the invisible Lord!

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for July 15 & 16 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35q1ONx
The Kingdom of Heaven is like a seed that has been sown on good soil

Today’s Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Mission Appeal: Thank You!

The Servidoras (officially Servants of the Lord & the Virgin Matará) send their thanks for your generous response to their mission-sharing visit last weekend, and for the gracious welcome given to Sister Itati who was speaking and representing the Servidoras.

Please be assured of the prayers of the Servidoras worldwide for you and your intentions. We ask for your continued prayers for them and for their shared ministers of God’s people everywhere. Please continue to keep the mission of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Servidoras in your mind, and the never-ending need to proclaim and witness to the Gospel in your own lives.

Envelopes are in the back of the Cathedral for the Servidoras. We will be collecting for the next couples weeks to help their Mission work in over 60+ countries throughout the world.

Again, thank you for your kind generosity.
Saint Mary Magdalene

Next Saturday, July 22nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. Where she is buried, no one knows. Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary, Jesus’ Mother, at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a "great sinner," a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

On June 3, 2016, the Holy See raised the liturgical rank of the Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene to a Feast, and a new Preface before the Eucharistic Prayer for the Feast was also promulgated. It reads:

He appeared in the garden
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,
who had loved him in life,
worshipped him dying on the Cross,
sought him as he lay in the tomb,
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,
so that the good news of new life
might reach the ends of the earth.
Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to join them with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on **Tuesday, July 25th at 6 PM.**

Please take this opportunity to join other men and women in personal prayer at Adoration to ask God to intercede and aid those who are experiencing personal difficulties and for our city, state, and country, and world that good will prevail over evil and all will find their way in God.

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner, and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. A suggested donation of $20 is appreciated.

Please consider making this prayerful evening a family event. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ through Adoration.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, July 24th.

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**Cardinal Ritter Senior Services (CRSS)** is a ministry of Catholic Charities that provides compassionate care for senior adults through high quality residential communities which include independent living, assisted, and skilled nursing care. CRSS also provides seniors in need who are aging at home to extensive support services, information, and referrals.

Volunteers are needed to assist the seniors in various ways. For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador, Alisa Goessling at 314-256-5904 or agoessling@ccstl.org

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**July: The Month Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus**

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth by His Blood.
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation…. We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week
July 16, 2023 through July 23, 2023

Monday: 389: Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34–11:1
Tuesday: 390: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: 391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: 392: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30
Friday: 393: Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Mt 12:12-1:8
Saturday: 603: Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Roxanne Ali       Mary Riley
Linda Baldwin     Vivian Rachel Rossen
Janice Bashford   Resy Sanchez
Barbara Beckemeyer Mickey Shears
Edwin Ayala Padilla Mary Anne Work
Pauline Price     Betty Ytzaina
David Washington  Sharon Kay Moore
Dorothy Quinn     Duric Shiebler
Mary Leah Kovarik Therese Terri Svehla
Janetta Williams  Deborah Lee
Kelvin Ayala Reyes

Next Session

Sessions will resume in September

What Catholics Believe

Join us at the Cathedral Basilica two Wednesdays a month, when Fr. Povis will present an in-depth theological reflection on the articles of the Apostles’ Creed.
-6:30pm in Boland Hall
-50 minute presentation followed by social
-Feel free to bring food and drink
-Designed for adults, but all are welcome!
Anima Christi Young Adults
Anyone between the ages of 18 and 39 is invited to join in prayer and fellowship with the young adult community of the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday, July 20th. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Followed by dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”—Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.
Parish Information

Registration in Parish
To join our parish, please register online at https://cathedraltlst.org/about-basilica/parish-life or call the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Online Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or laptop, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral website (www.cathedraltlst.org) and go to Parish Online Giving under the “GIVE” tab. Then follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify.

Baptism of Infants
Parents requesting Baptism should be registered members of the parish. To schedule baptisms or register for baptismal preparation classes for parents or godparents, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Vocations to Christian Marriage
Couples planning to marry at the Cathedral Basilica may contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208.

Vocations to Holy Orders and Consecrated Life
Those who feel called to this life are invited to call the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460.

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