



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 25

5p Deceased members of Bruce Family

7p

### Sunday, July 26

8a Ruby Guillot (D)

10:30 a People of the Parish

### Monday, July 27

No Mass

### Tuesday, July 28

8:30a Rosalind Casey (D)

### Wednesday, July 29

6:30p Delmond Scheer (D)

### Thursday, July 30

8:30a William "Bill" Poisel (D)

### Friday, July 31

8:30a Leo Meaux, Sr. (D)

### Saturday, August 1

5p Members of Altar Society and families

7p

### Sunday, August 2

8a Clint F. Rebert (D)

10:30a People of the Parish



## Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps  
106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps  
103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7,  
9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk  
10:38-42

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps  
84:3-6a, 8a, 11;  
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-  
3 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab;  
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5,  
7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4,  
23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-  
24; Jn 6:24-35

## BREAK OPEN THE WORD

FACT OF FAITH

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

by Fr. Larry Rice



In the Catholic tradition, we have many kinds of prayer. We have liturgical prayer, which follows a set ritual and is prayed communally. Then, we have personal or private prayer, which has often been divided into prayers of praise, thanksgiving, contrition, and supplication. These Prayers acknowledge God's greatness, express our thanks for all God has done for us, express our sorrow for our sins, and ask God for what we need.

But throughout our history, Catholics have also engaged in contemplative prayer. This sort of prayer or meditation is much less about saying things to God, and is more about listening to what God is saying to us. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in its section on contemplative prayer, quotes St. Teresa who wrote, "Contemplative prayer in my opinion, is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us." In its sixteen paragraphs on contemplative prayer, the *Catechism* eloquently describes aspects of this kind of prayer, calling it a "gift," a "gaze of faith fixed on Jesus," "hearing the Word of God," and an experience of *silence*. (CCC, nos. 2709–2724).

What the *Catechism* doesn't describe is how to do it. For that information, I'd recommend the writings of those who have excelled at this kind of prayer, especially saints like John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Liseaux, and Julian of Norwich. Contemporary expressions of contemplative prayer include methods like scripture prayer and Eucharistic adoration.

Prayer is the essential communication of the Christian life, and contemplative prayer challenges us to make sure that we're not just speaking to God, but actively listening to God's speaking to us. Copyright © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.



July 31

SAINT OF THE WEEK

### IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA 1491–1556



Born in his family's ancestral Basque castle, Inigo Lopez de Loyola was a page in Castile and a soldier wounded in battle, when he experienced a personal conversion, which had profound consequences on the Church. While convalescing, he read about Christ and the saints, made a long retreat at Manresa, and journeyed to Jerusalem. He studied for 10 years in Barcelona and Paris, where he became "Ignatius" and attracted a group of like-minded companions. Together, they founded the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, to be active missionaries and thereby meet the challenges of the Reformation. Ignatius, superior general of the new order, also wrote the "Spiritual Exercises," which is still a popular spiritual guide. He is the patron saint of retreats and soldiers.

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEEDING THE WORLD

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para los hispanos y las personas de otras culturas, el recuerdo y vinculación con nuestros antepasados es algo muy importante. De hecho, en las culturas latinoamericanas se usan los apellidos del padre y de la madre para enfatizar de dónde y de quiénes provienen. Muchas personas han conservado esta misma tradición aquí en Estados Unidos. Este sentido de conectarnos a nuestros antepasados también se encuentra en la fe cristiana. Mediante la imposición de manos, por citar un ejemplo, llegamos hasta los apóstoles.

Podríamos decir que los cuatro evangelios subrayan esta vinculación con los orígenes de nuestra fe. La forma en que lo hacen, aunque pequeña, es interesante. Luego de que todos comieron de los panes y los peces multiplicados por Jesús, recogieron doce canastos llenos de pan. En cierta manera, los evangelistas aseguran que el pan que Jesús dio al gentío de su tiempo nos lo sigue dando hoy en la eucaristía. Ahora, este pan es la carne de Jesús, quien se hace ofrenda y hostia (sacrificio) por nosotros.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

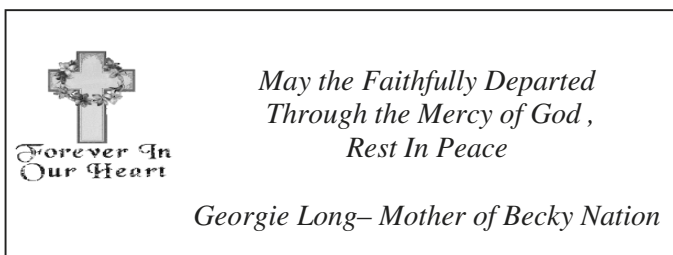
## ALIMENTANDO AL MUNDO

Al oír las narraciones de cómo Eliseo y Jesús multiplican los alimentos, y el salmo responsorial sobre como la mano del Señor nos alimenta, es fácil caer en la tentación de pasar por alto el maravilloso himno de la carta a los efesios en la Segunda lectura. El himno se centra en los números más potentes de la tradición bíblica: el uno, el tres y el siete. La médula del himno es el número uno, repetido siete veces. Tres de ellas se refieren a la Iglesia: un solo cuerpo, un solo Espíritu, como también una sola es la esperanza. Los próximas tres son los fundamentos de la Iglesia: un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo bautismo. Y todos estos se juntan en un solo Dios y Padre de todos. La idea de repetir los milagros obrados por Eliseo y por Jesús al alimentar las multitudes nos desalienta, claro está, pero la carta a los efesios nos ofrece un modo más realizable de vivir como Iglesia y de alimentar a los demás en la Iglesia: ser siempre humildes y amables; ser comprensivos y soportarnos mutuamente con amor, y esforzarnos en mantenernos unidos en el Espíritu con el vínculo de la paz. ¿Quién de nosotros no puede "alimentar" a la comunidad de la Iglesia viviendo de esta manera? Es verdad que siempre estamos llamados a "alimentar" al mundo en el sentido literal de la palabra, pero nuestra misión como Iglesia también nos dice que a los demás también hay que alimentarlos por la manera en que vivimos y actuamos cada momento de cada día. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sooner or later, as they plan their wedding liturgy, a couple will receive some advice about a "unity candle." They need one, they are told (at great expense); it is a tradition; it is what Catholics have always done. Not so. In the last thirty years or so, the custom has enjoyed wide popularity in the United States. It has never been officially part of our liturgy, and it exists in tension with some of our core symbols. Usually there are two smaller candles and one larger one to be lit from the smaller. Large candles in our tradition always mean Christ, and smaller ones are always tokens of our baptismal candle. If the candles are meant for a kind of renewal of baptismal vows, then the meaning is clearer, yet this is seldom the understanding. Why, then, are those smaller candles extinguished?

It's hard to tell where these pesky candles came from. Some suggest that the Presbyterian Church, which has a very lean wedding liturgy, introduced them as an option for extending a short service. Generally, it's been experienced as a "photo opportunity" rather than a genuine liturgical ritual. The "unity candle," a recent invention rather than an authentic tradition, has not been approved as an adaptation to our rite, and it is to be hoped that it will gradually disappear from view.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) is a process which introduces adults to the Catholic faith and prepares them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation should they decide to join the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a non-threatening, no-strings-attached program which begins with an Inquiry period on questions about God, faith, and Catholic teachings. RCIA begins Sept. 15th at 7:00 pm. For details please contact Myrna Stimac at 883-5771 or [myrna.stimac@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.stimac@gmail.com)



**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES** who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50th+ wedding anniversaries in 2015: Bishop Curtis J. Guillory and the Office of Family Life Ministry invite you to attend the annual diocesan ceremony honoring your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage on **Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica**. The ceremony will include Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and presentation of Certificates. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center.

Please RSVP to your parish office no later than Friday, September 18, 2015.

**Call to Conference  
"Women Healing the Wounds"**



**To:** All Catholic Women of the Diocese of Beaumont  
**From:** Martha Sanchez, Diocesan President

**What:** Official call to the Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference

**When:** Friday August 21, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 am check in and continental breakfast - 2:00pm

**Place:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church & Shrine  
3648 S. Sgt Lucian Adams Blvd  
Port Arthur, TX 77642

**Registration:** \$30.00 includes continental breakfast and Hot catered Lunch

**Registration Deadline:** August 14, 2015

**Please send all registration Money to the Conference Registrar**

Carol Noak  
4001 Dryden Rd  
Port Arthur, TX 77642  
409-985-2003



Altar flowers for July 25, 26 were donated by:  
Lon and Diana Craft  
In honor of:  
Delia Mitchell  
and  
Norma Franklin  
In honor of:  
My husband's birthday

Blessed Mother flowers were donated by:  
Scott and Mary Rollins  
In memory of  
Levi and Betty Rollins

**The Knights of Columbus**



If you are a practicing Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your local community; it is supporting our church, while enhancing your own faith and protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about. Membership forms are located at the west entrance of the church. Contact: Scott Rollins 883-2691

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

Registration is underway for the August 20-23 retreat at The Holy Family Center. The cost is \$170, but financial need should not prevent you from registering. Scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit with your registration form holds a place for you. If God is calling you to make this retreat, registration forms are available at the church office. Contact one of the individuals below for more

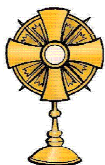
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**Join us for the College ACTS Retreat!  
August 13-16, 2015**

Registration is now open for all *College Students, including incoming freshmen*, who are interested in attending. The cost of the retreat is \$130. A \$50 registration fee is due with application and the remainder (\$80) is will be due at check-in. The retreat is held at Camp Ta-ku-La in Chester, TX and transportation to and from the retreat is provided. If you have any questions, we are happy to answer them! You can contact Kelly delaRosa, Campus Minister Coordinator, at 924.4360, or the College ACTS director, Janna Bartz at 225.3060. Space is limited so sign up today!  
*Come join us this summer at the College ACTS retreat for a weekend full of fun with God and friends!*



Adoration  
Sign Up  
Weekend.

Adoration is  
August 4.

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP



Many people find that **support groups** are tremendously effective in helping them cope with the day-to-day realities of having **Parkinson's** disease

The Parkinson Support Group will meet Wednesday, August 5 from 9 a.m.– noon in the San Damiano Center. For More Info Contact– Wanda Simar



Cody and Sarah  
Simon &  
family

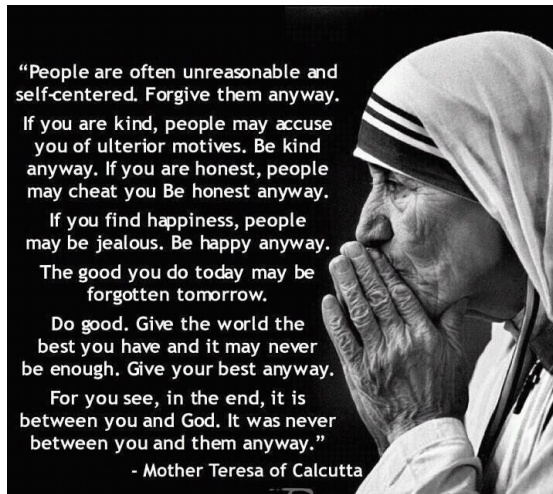
and

Jason and Ashley  
Heatherly &  
family

## BUNCO



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Cecilia, #1396, will be hosting a Ladies BUNCO Night on Wednesday, July 29th, at 6:30pm, at St. Mary Parish Hall. For a \$5 donation, you can enjoy delicious refreshments, great company and a fun game of BUNCO. (No bunco experience required!) So ladies, call a friend and come share some fun. We'd love to see you there! If you have questions, please call Susan Bayliss at 883-3540."



"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## FAITH SHARE

Each Tuesday morning at 5:45 a.m. all men (bring a friend) are welcome to join the Men's Faith Share group in the San Damiano Center.

Women's Faith Share (bring a friend) meets each Tuesday morning at 6:15 in the youth room

"The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Worship and Prayer Seminar", sponsored by the Office of Worship, is being held at the MCM Elegante Hotel July 31 and August 1. Complete details can be found on the Diocese of Beaumont website and the diocesan Facebook page. Or you can call the Office of Worship for more information, 409-924-4341. Registration can be made through EventBrite on your computer. Brochures are available at your parish office and at the Office of Worship and on parish website. Great speakers! Outstanding workshops! Something for everyone who worships and prays, celebrates Mass, loves Scripture and hungers for more knowledge about our Catholic faith. And, because of the generosity of grants provided by the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Foundation and Our Sunday Visitor, there is absolute no charge for anything, not even food which cludes the sit-down dinner Friday.

**Come! Be enriched!"**



## Saturday, July 25

Reconciliation 4 -4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Young at Heart Garage Sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adoration Sign Up

## Sunday, July 26

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Adoration Sign Up

Sonlight Choir-6:30 p.m.

## Monday, July 27

No Mass

Men's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 28

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

K of C Dinner -6:30p.m

(A-H)veg, (I-O)dessert, (P-Z)meat

## Wednesday, July 29

Mass 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, July 30

Mass 8:30 a.m.

## Friday, July 31

Mass 8:30 a.m.

## Saturday, August 1

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Adoration Sign Up

## Sunday, August 2

Mass 8 a.m.

Father Sinclair Oubre Installation and Reception 10:30 a.m.

Adoration Sign Up

Sonlight Choir-6:30 p.m.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE July 19, 2015

**Amount needed each week**  
\$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection  
(including building fund)  
\$ 9585.00

**Under Goal- \$-2288.00**

**Year to date**  
Amount needed \$35,619.00  
(\$11,873.x 3fiscal weeks)  
Total Sunday collections to date  
\$ 33,405.00

**Year to date Short of goal -  
\$-2214**

7th Annual Diocesan  
Worship and Prayer  
Seminar

*"Living Liturgy, All God's People  
at Work"*

*"Viviendo la Liturgia, todo el  
pueblo de Dios colaborando"*

July 31-August 1

MCM Elegante' Hotel  
Beaumont, Texas