



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 2026



Meditations on this Week's Readings

Throughout the ages, farmers have rejoiced as the seeds they plant in the earth miraculously sprout forth with spring rains, yielding an abundant harvest.

In the first reading (*Isaiah 55:10-11*) this week, we learn how the Lord speaks to us in a similar way, by showering God's Word upon us and making us fertile and fruitful.

In the psalm (*Psalms 65:10-14*), we find this same theme, praising our Creator who waters the earth with rain and blesses its young sprouts. *"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."* (*Luke 8:8*)

In the second reading (*Romans 8:18-23*), Saint Paul acknowledges the fallen nature of our sinful world, which causes our suffering. However, he quickly reminds us that, as believers, we are the *"first fruits"* of the Spirit, and we will soon become the *"full harvest"* of God. He helps us believe that *"the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us."*

The Gospel (*Matthew 13:1-23*) begins: *"On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables..."* Jesus helps us to see ourselves as the seed in the parable of the sower. Some seed falls on rocky ground and fails to grow; yet other seed falls on rich soil and produces an extraordinarily abundant harvest.

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Prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim
Feast Day July 26 - Novena begins July 17

Great and glorious patriarch, Saint Joachim, and good Saint Anne, what joy is mine when I consider that you were chosen among all God's holy ones to assist in the fulfillment of the mysteries of God, and to enrich our earth with the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. By this singular privilege, you have become most powerful with both the Mother and her Son, so as to be able to obtain for us the graces that are needful to us.



With great confidence I have recourse to your mighty protection, and I commend to you all my needs, both spiritual and temporal, and those of my family. Especially do I entrust to your keeping the particular favor that I desire and look for from your intercession. *(Mention your petition.)*

And since you were a perfect pattern of the interior life, obtain for me the grace to pray earnestly, and never to set my heart on the passing goods of this life. Give me a lively and enduring love for Jesus and Mary. Obtain for me also a sincere devotion and obedience to Holy church and the sovereign pontiff who rules over her, in order that I may live and die in faith and hope and perfect charity. Let me ever invoke the holy Names of Jesus and Mary. And may I thus be saved. Amen

**Please remember to keep
Saint Francis Parish in your will.**





The Sanctuary lamp this week is in memory of Allen Lescure by Charlene

Our Women's Guild will meet this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in our Family Life Center. All women of the parish are invited.



For additional information, or if you did not get a bulletin, you can go to our website at stfrancisassisifranklin.org

Does it matter what you wear to Mass?

When you wake up in the morning, how do you decide what to wear? Most of us take into account what is happening that day, who will be there, and what the goal of the day is. Whether it is for work at the office, a date, a wedding, a hike, or staying at home, we dress accordingly. So, when it comes to Sunday Mass, we should dress accordingly. If Mass matters, then what we wear matters. But what does that look like? If you have not thought about it in a while, here are a few guidelines to help you choose what to wear to Mass.



Before deciding what to wear at Mass, think about the event. What is happening? Mass is about worshiping God. It is important enough that Catholics are required to go every week. We believe that a miracle happens every Mass wherein our God comes to us in the Eucharistic, the real presence of Our Lord, Jesus. So, it makes sense to dress up for Mass more than you would for say, a sporting event or a day of errands.

Prayers for healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard, Mary Ann Janda



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

5:00 P.M. †Leo McSherry
†Bill Holten by the Choir

Sunday, July 12

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Ruben Cano by Alice, Anna Moeling
11:30 A.M. †Reina Valencia Garcia
Misericordia Group

Monday, July 13

Saint Henry

9:00 A.M. †Ed & †Marlene Taber, †Raymond Behr

Tuesday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
NO MASS

Wednesday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 P.M. †Joan Hatch, †George Gover

Thursday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00 A.M. †Sarah Fricks, †Claire & †Robert Barnable

Friday, July 17

9:00 A.M. Joyce Michnik by Stan Michalik

Saturday, July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

5:00 P.M. †Bill Holten by the Choir, †Barbara Gilbert

Sunday, July 19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Rebecca Richards
11:30 A.M. †Rios Ortiz family
†Holy Souls in Purgatory

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