



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Lord, I love your commands.” This responsorial psalm of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time makes us think about how we welcome and practice God’s commands.

If you look around or even in your family circle, you see that there are many who call themselves ex-Catholics (actually they are not ex-Catholic; they are always Catholics; they are just non-practicing Catholics) who left the Church, who did not practice their Catholic faith anymore, or some of them denounce their Catholic faith. Do they love God's commandments? They do, I think, but in their own way - loving or keeping what they like, joining denominations which do not demand them to keep what they do not like or understand or are excited about.

One of the main reasons why they become non-practicing Catholics is because they want to “pick and choose” their own laws. They want to make the final decision of which command they want to follow.

How can we understand and love all God's commands? There are some that make sense to us, and some that do not. Therefore, if we say we love God and believe in Him, we must trust and embrace His commands. Like we hear, God knows what is best.

“Lord, I love your commands.” Loving is expressed both in words and works; and we love what? We love God’s commands, not our own “commands” (the commands that we like!) Certainly, God’s commands are our challenges. They somehow go against our human mind or wisdom or thinking. They make us somehow look “different” or even “weird” to others who do not believe in God, who left the Church. God’s commands, however, are to keep us closer to Him here on earth and to prepare us for eternal life with Him in Heaven.

God does not appear in front of us to tell us what His commands are. His commands have been recorded in the Holy Bible and in the heart of every human being. He, too, uses the Church, established on the Rock Peter who received the authority and power to bind and to loose things in heaven and on earth, to announce and confirm and even to enforce His commands. We have to love ALL of God’s commands, not only what we like, and we might not like any of God’s commandments!!!

Again, we may not comprehend why God gave us this or that command, but we sure know that God loves us so much. He does not want to lose anyone. His commands are intended to lead us to everlasting life with Him (of course not with Satan) in Heaven.

We have to find out what God’s commands are; we will treasure all of them. We will meditate on them and then with *love, trust* and *humility*, we will practice them in our daily lives.

Yes, it is difficult; it is challenging, and there is no doubt about it, but God is with us until the end of time, and we need to hold tight to His hand.

Do we want to treasure the commands of God like the merchant treasures the “fine pearls” as in today’s Gospel?

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

Please remember to keep
Saint Francis Parish in your will.





There will be no daily Masses from Monday through Thursday of this week. There will be no Confession on Wednesday. There will be a Communion Service Friday at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration and Benediction.

It's Donation Drop-off time ahead of our Annual Good Stuff Sale at St. Francis of Assisi. We begin our Donation Collection-Drop off Days - July 27, 30 & 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - July 28th and 29th noon to 5:00 p.m. - August 3rd, 4th & 5th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (No collections after 5 on Wednesday, August 5th.) Pull up to the Family Life Center to unload. Our Volunteers will be there to assist you unpacking your vehicle. We can't wait to make our annual Good Stuff Sale a success with YOUR help! The Sale for shoppers begins Friday, August 7th Noon - 6 p.m. and resumes Saturday August 8th at 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Get ready to Rummage!



What does the 'sign of peace' mean in the Catholic Church?

The Catholic liturgical tradition regards the Sign of Peace at Mass as a disciplined and restrained public gesture to those nearest you, and **not** an affectionate gesture of intimacy or friendship. When we exchange the sign of peace with those near you at Mass with a handshake or bow, we do so with the same words Jesus spoke to the disciples, "Peace be with you".



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10stepstoendabortion.com



One day at a time, that is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past for it is gone. And do not be troubled about the future for it has not yet come. Live in the present and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.

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 Jiglau, 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, Josiah Mihok



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 25

Saint James, Priest

5:00 P.M. ✠ Bill Holten by the Choir, ✠ Sarah Fricks
Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik

Sunday, July 26

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✠ Bill Holten by the Choir
✠ Samantha Frontauria by Debbie Keener
11:30 A.M. Parish People's Mass

Monday, July 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 28

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 29

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
NO MASS

Thursday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
NO MASS

Friday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00 A.M. Communion Service and Adoration

Saturday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
First Saturday

5:00 P.M. ✠ Yoonsuk Kim by Sabina Anselmo

Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik, Leslie Long

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✠ Fr. Jose Maria Parcon
✠ Beatrice Smith, ✠ Beatriz Thomas
11:30 A.M. ✠ Marciano Diaz Ordaz
✠ Antonina Arango Diaz
✠ Marciano Diaz Acevedo

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