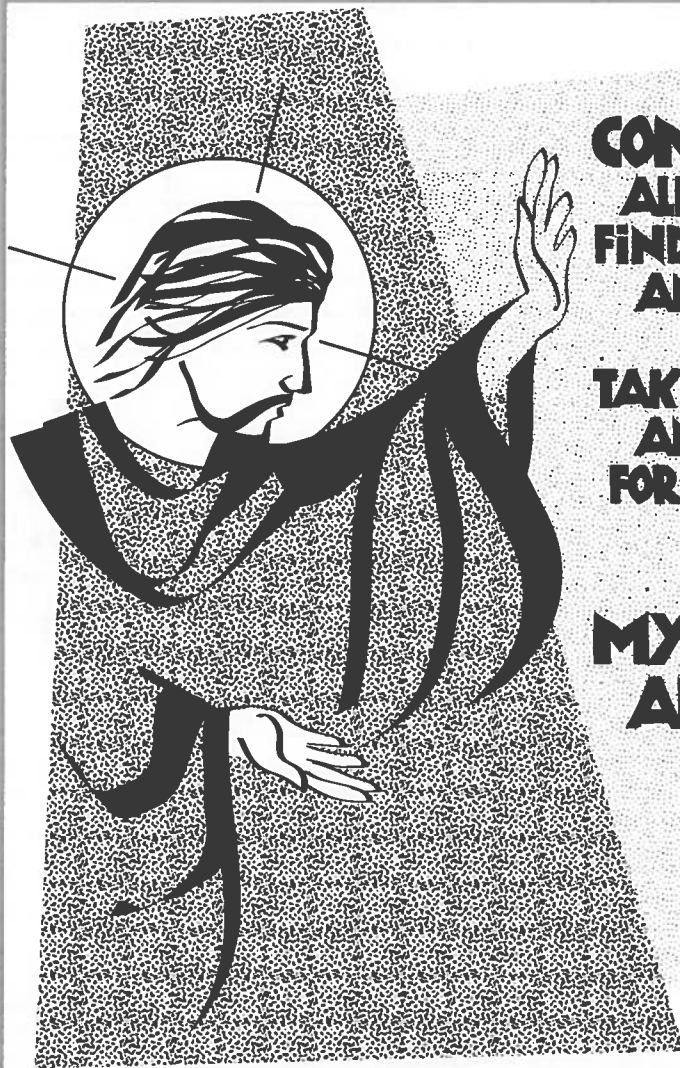


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 8-9, 2023



**COME UNTO ME
ALL WHO ARE TIRED AND
FIND LIFE BURDENSOME
AND I WILL REFRESH YOU.**

**TAKE MY YOLK UPON YOU
AND LEARN FROM ME,
FOR I AM MEEK AND
HUMBLE OF HEART.**

**MY YOLK IS EASY
AND MY BURDEN
LIGHT.**

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Weekend Masses:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:30 am	
St. James	Sun 9:00 am	

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 4:15 pm
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:05-7:20 am
St. James	Sun 8:35-8:50 am

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Quotable: "For the Lord always goes ahead of you, he always walks before you. And, with him, life always begins anew. "
 —Pope Francis

July 15-16, 2023			15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 15 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, July 16 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, July 16 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 16 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Gary Nelson Bob Schultz Dave Emling Dan Hoffman	Kyle Ferris Dale Pfeiffer	Jeff Martin Jeff Steinke Dallas Ferris Dave Ladehoff	Marko Smolcovich Wayne Bisailon Brent Fulton Darren Lovell
Lector	Hillary Webb	Terri Weakley	Mary Peerbolte	Julie Splear
Servers				Caroline Fulton
Greeters			Greeter— Jerry Ogrentz Leader— Reatta Gohlke	Kim Smicker Mary McDonald

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 10 (SMM)

8:00 am +Bernadine Hughes (Jackie Eberle)

Tuesday, July 11 (SH)

9:00 am +Lisa Timm (Jerry/Terri Weakley)

Wednesday, July 12 (SJ)

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, July 14 First Friday at SH

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, July 15 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, July 16

7:30 am +Dorine Schafer (Mary Lou Nugent Family)

9:00 am (SJ) +Jeffrey Cooley (Maryanne Cooley)

+Alex Denault (Dave Winterroth)

10:30am (SMM) +Marie Duval (Jeff/Diane Long)

+Mary Lou Fosnaugh (Jim/Linda Scanlon)



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

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Question of the week:

Who can I reach out to this week in an effort to lighten their burden? How can we share their yoke, like oxen working in tandem?

Collections Week of June 24-25, 2023

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,232 Peter's Pence—\$421
St. James—\$1,007 Peter's Pence—\$366
Sacred Heart—\$707 Peter's Pence—\$378

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: "Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You've concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that's the way you like to work."

Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. "The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I'm not keeping it to myself; I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly" (from *Matthew 11*).

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

St. James—

Sacred Heart—

- The week of July 9th, the St. Joseph candle burns in prayer for Jim Kimberlin

All Parishes—

- ◆ There will be no Knight of Columbus meeting in July. Next meeting will be 28 August 2023.

Reflection *Why God Made Hugs*

Everyone was meant to share God's all-abiding love and care;

He saw that we would need to know a way to let these feelings show.

So God made hugs — a special sign,
And symbol of his love divine, A circle of our open arms to hold in love and keep out harm.

One simple hug can do its part to warm and cheer another's heart. A hug's a bit of heaven above that signifies his perfect love.

Questions Catholics Ask

"What is the structure of the Church and what do the people in it do?"

The word we're looking for is *hierarchy*. It means "rule by priests" and describes the system of clergy that governs the church. Technically it's more like "rule by bishop": Even the pope is bishop of Rome, and no matter how fancy the hat of a cardinal it's the territorially governing bishops who get the job done. Bishops (Greek *episkopoi* = "supervisors") were established in the 1st century to preserve church unity over widening areas. Priests and deacons, whose influence is very parochial—local and parish-focused—work for the bishop and declare obedience to him.

A flow chart would help, and if there is one on the walls of the Vatican, I'd love a copy. In the meantime: Think of the pope as first among bishops. Bishops are Vicars of Christ, which means they, like the pope, have the same Boss. When all the bishops get together, as with the Vatican or Lateran or Tridentine Councils, their authority is the highest the church can express.

Cardinals were originally priests with permanent parish assignments. By the Middle Ages, the term, meaning "hinge," denoted priests assigned to important locations (think Los Angeles, Chicago, New York in today's terms). Cardinals became electors of the pope in the 11th century by decree of Pope Nicholas II. In the 16th century Pope Sixtus V limited the number of cardinals to 70, matching Moses' assembly of elders (Numbers 11:16). The 1917 Code of Canon Law made it imperative for cardinals to be chosen from the clergy—previously a layman could be designated. Pope John XXIII shrunk the pool to bishops in 1962 and eliminated the numerical ceiling. The College of Cardinals functions primarily as a consulting body for the pope.

The Roman Curia is a bureaucracy that runs everything from diplomatic affairs (Vatican City is the world's smallest sovereign state) to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to the Vatican newspaper. These offices have traditionally been filled by archbishops and cardinals. (There's no canonical reason why women could not hold these positions in the future.)

Religious orders sweep this flow chart to the floor. There are four broad categories of orders: monastic, canonical, mendicant, and apostolic. Monasteries may be autonomous in their governance, while most orders have central authorities. Some groups are limited territorially, and few universal claims can be made about what they do and how they do it. Somewhere along the chain, though, you can bet someone is accountable to Rome.

Scripture

- Acts 20:28; [Philippians 1:1](#); 1 Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-25; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Saint of the week: St. Henry (July 13) was the son of Gisella of Burgundy and Henry II, the Quarrelsome, Duke of Bavaria. He was educated at the cathedral school in Hildesheim by bishop Wolfgang of Regensburg. Henry became Duke of Bavaria himself in 995 upon his father's death, which ended Henry's thoughts of becoming a priest. He ascended to the throne of Germany in 1002. He was crowned King of Pavia, Italy on May 15, 1004. Henry married Saint Cunegunda but was never a father. Some sources claim the two lived celibately, but there is no evidence either way.



Henry's brother rebelled against his power, and Henry was forced to defeat him on the battlefield, but later forgave him, and the two reconciled. Henry was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 1014 by Pope Benedict VIII; he was the last of the Saxon dynasty of emperors. Henry founded schools, quelled rebellions, protected the frontiers, worked to establish a stable peace in Europe, and to reform the Church while respecting its independence. He also fostered missions, and established Bamberg, Germany as a center for missions to Slavic countries. Henry also started the construction of the cathedral at Basel, Switzerland; it took nearly 400 years to complete. Both Henry and Saint Cunegunda were prayerful people, and generous to the poor.

At one point he was cured of an unnamed illness by the touch of Saint Benedict of Nursia at Monte Cassino. He became somewhat lame in his later years. Following Cunegunda's death, he considered becoming a monk, but the abbot of Saint-Vanne at Verdun, France refused his application, and told him to keep his place in the world where he could do much good for people and the advancement of God's kingdom.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Clelia Barbieri (July 13) From her earliest life, Clelia paid no attention to this world, she was focused solely on the spiritual life. Clelia founded the *Little Sisters of the Mother of Sorrows* who concentrate on ministering in hospitals and elementary schools to the sick, the aged, the lonely, and a prayer ministry for the poor. Since her death, her voice has been heard in the houses of her order, accompanying her sisters in song.

Gospel Shorts The Yoke of Rest

We watch TV commercials advertising relief from sinus head-aches, that tired achy feeling, hair that won't comb right, arthritis pain. But what do you take to lift the heavy burdens from your shoulders, those weights on our spirit which make our shoulders stooped and our hearts weary. Making ends meet, trying to keep our families intact, losing a close friend through death or rejection, failure in the business we started years ago, long term illness. All of these can cause us to feel like we're pulling a 2,000 lb. sled behind us every day we get up.

In our Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus invites all those who are weary and heavy laden to come to him, accept his yoke, learn from him, and he promises rest for our weary hearts. How could putting another yoke around our neck possibly lighten our load? Ah, but this is a different kind of yoke. He offers to share the burdens, even to lift many of them from our shoulders. For all of you who believe you must carry your burdens alone, there is hope for rest in the teaching of our Lord this Sunday.



Spend time with the Lord
Weekly Kankakee County
Adoration Opportunities

Monday
12-5pm
St. John Paul II
Kankakee

Tuesday
6-7am
6-8pm
St. Joseph
Manteno

1-6pm
St. Joseph
Bradley

Wednesday
6-7:00am
St. Joseph
Manteno

3-5pm
St. Rose Chapel
Kankakee

Thursday
6-7am
St. Joseph
Manteno
9:45-11am
St. Patrick
Momence

3-6pm
Maternity BVM
Bourbonnais

Friday
6-7:00am
St. Joseph,
Manteno

First Friday
St. John Paul II
8am-6pm

**Herscher/Irwin /
Goodrich**
8am-3:00pm
Location Varies

**St. Joseph
Bradley**
9-10am

Hall rental policy at the Tri Parish Community

Fees: For active parishioners there is no charge for the use of the hall. For non-active parishioners and for non-parishioners there is a \$75 charge for small events (up to 50 people), and for larger events (over 50 people) there is a \$150 charge for the use of the hall.

Deposit: For all renters there is a \$150 deposit required for cleanup and/or damage. Upon inspection after the event if the hall is left clean and there is no damage the \$150 deposit will be refunded to you.

Insurance: All renters are responsible for insurance. If alcohol is being served, Dram insurance is necessary. This may be acquired through the diocese or through your personal homeowner's insurance policy. If you obtain insurance through your insurance company, it must be for \$1,000,000 coverage. The policy certificate we receive must also state that it includes liquor liability (if applicable) and must indicate that the Diocese of Joliet and the name of the parish as additional insured. Also include the date and time of the event. We need this certificate at least two weeks prior to the event.

Rules for hall use:

All paperwork and payments must be submitted before the hall can be used by anyone.

If additional tables and chairs are needed than what is in the hall, they will be set up and put away by the renter.

No tape, pins or nails can be used on walls, woodwork, or support poles. Only table decorations are permitted.

No one is to go into the church or religious education classrooms.

Children are to be supervised at all times. No playing in the elevator (SMM)

Kitchen items for use are limited to appliances, paper products, cutlery, and utensils. Do not use any of the coffee or food items stored in the hall/kitchen.

Bring your own dish towels for cleaning items.

The hall, kitchen, and bathrooms are to be vacuumed or swept and left in clean condition. If a spill occurs clean it up immediately.

Make sure the lights are turned off and the hvac system is returned to nonuse temperatures.

Absolutely no smoking in the building.

Renters are responsible for the removal of their garbage.

The hall on Sunday is not available before 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise granted.

All events must conclude by 10 p.m. unless otherwise approved.

A saint in our midst?

(Her early years)

There has been a lot in the news about Sister Wihelmina Lancaster OSB. On April 28th of this year the nuns of Mary, Queen of the Apostles monastery exhumed the body of their foundress. Remarkably, her body was still intact though she passed four years ago and was buried in a simple wooden casket.

Mary Elizabeth Lancaster was born in St. Louis on April 13, 1924 (Palm Sunday), the second of five children. While most African Americans are not Catholic, Mary Elizabeth was

raised in a pious Catholic home. At age nine when she was going to receive her First Holy Communion she had a mystical experience where Jesus invited her to be His. There began her lifelong journey as a religious sister.

At age thirteen, before she even graduated 8th grade she wrote to the Oblate Sisters of Providence seeking to join them upon her graduation. Of course, due to her age, the sisters asked her to wait until she was older. The Oblate Sisters of Providence are one of the few religious orders focused on African American vocations and ministry.

Upon graduation from 8th grade, Mary Elizabeth wanted to continue her education in the Catholic School system but during those years even Catholic Schools were segregated. Her parents went to great lengths to ensure that their daughter and other African American Catholic children, could receive a Catholic high school education. St. Joseph Catholic High School for Negroes was founded and lasted until the archbishop ended the practice of segregated Catholic schools in his archdiocese. She graduated as valedictorian of the high school her parents helped to found. Now that Mary Elizabeth was a high school graduate, what next?.....



Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Which priest has a statue in Times Square?

Have you ever been to Duffy Square in NYC? Meet the heroic chaplain it's named after.

He is honored by Catholics *and* the secular world.

He is a legend in the U.S. Army.

His statue is on display in one of New York City's most iconic locations.

Who was Fr. Francis Duffy, and why is he so famous?

Originally from Ontario, Canada, Fr. Duffy attended seminary in New York and was ordained in 1896. After a few years studying at the Catholic University of America and teaching in the seminary, he joined the Army as a chaplain. He first served during the Spanish-American War, where he was stationed at a hospital to greet injured soldiers returning from Cuba.

He is best known, however, for his service in World War I.

Fr. Duffy served as chaplain for the 69th Infantry Regiment. They were known as the "Fighting 69th" and fought on the Western Front of France during the war. This regiment was also nicknamed the "Fighting Irish" because most of the soldiers were Irish-American. As chaplain, Fr. Duffy said Mass for the soldiers and gave each of them absolution as they marched off into battle.



The dedication of Fr. Duffy's statue in 1937.

During the actual battles, Fr. Duffy would go out onto the battlefield to administer the sacraments and recover wounded soldiers. Because of this, he became known as the "Fighting Chaplain" who wasn't afraid of gunfire.

Providing spiritual sustenance, strength, and consolation to his men, Fr. Duffy boosted the morale of the soldiers and even took on a role of leadership and authority, which the soldiers say was crucial to the success of the regiment.

Fr. Duffy received the Distinguished Service Cross when the Battle of Ourcq resulted in hundreds of casualties—and he had to bury every single one of them. These men had become spiritual sons to him, and he was deeply grieved, but did his priestly work out of love for them and their families.

Fr. Duffy also received the Army Distinguished Medal, Conspicuous Service Cross, and other honors during the war, and remains to this day the most highly-decorated cleric in U.S. Army history.

After the war, when the soldiers came home, Fr. Duffy's home parish in the Bronx held a celebratory parade for the return of the "Fighting Chaplain" who had done God's work and served his country. When he died in 1932, thousands turned out for his military funeral.

Fr. Duffy is just one of the many soldiers who relied on God for strength and courage during the Great War. Read more incredible stories of faith and courage in *Stronger Than Steel: Soldiers of the Great War Write to St. Therese of Lisieux*. You'll read captivating true accounts of St. Thérèse's miraculous intercession on behalf of her countrymen fighting in World War I—she even appeared to some of them!

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Learn from the Lord
for he is humble of heart

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COME TO ME ALL OF YOU
WHO ARE TIRED MT. 11:28



July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

What does a restful day look like to you? Maybe it's a lazy day poolside with a good book and a cold drink, or perhaps a dark room, cozy blanket, and a good movie. Lazy days like these are hard to come by; truly restful days in our busy world are even fewer and farther between. Although "taking a break" every once in a while from the cares of the world is certainly good for everyone, in today's Gospel Jesus is referring to true rest that only he can provide. Jesus asks us to take up his yoke and learn from him "and [we] will find rest for ourselves." Our burdens will be lighter because he shares them with us. Jesus says: "I am meek and humble of heart." Imagine the strength to be found in that meekness, that humility! We will know true rest when we surrender ourselves to Jesus and live in the freedom only he can provide.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In order to find rest in the Lord, we must remember that "[we] are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in [us]," as Saint Paul writes to the Romans. Therefore, Jesus is inviting us into union with him, as well as with the Father and the Holy Spirit. How do we yoke ourselves to Christ? By living out our baptismal promises, celebrating the sacraments, and through our lives of faith, we allow Jesus to work through us and lead the way. Let us make an effort this week to hand over our worries and anxieties to Jesus. And let us never forget that the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

PRAISE Share your worries and anxieties with Christ through prayer. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise using today's psalm:

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and holy in all his works.

The Lord lifts up all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Sunday, Jul 09, 2023

The unexamined life is not liberating

Interested in ministering, healing, and caring? Intrigued by dream analysis, speaking in tongues, or miracles? Seeking transcendence or the art of meditation? Does your attention reside at the intersection of faith and psychology? If any of the above concern you, there's a Morton Kelsey book with your name on it. Episcopal priest, Jungian therapist, and prolific author, Kelsey notes that we're controlled by what we assume and have never thoughtfully considered: "You can't come to a new point of view until you realize what your brainwashing has been." Take the first step toward inner freedom. Review your assumptions.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."*

Monday, Jul 10, 2023

Don't let setbacks throw you

The first bishop of Denver, Joseph Machebeuf, who died on this day in 1889, was the basis for the character Joseph Vaillant in Willa Cather's 1927 novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Machebeuf was born in France and his character's French last name means "courageous"—for promoting the faith, in his case. In real life, Machebeuf was thrown from a carriage and disabled from his injuries, but went on to found schools and hospitals while overseeing the enormous growth of the Catholic population in Colorado. May his life inspire you to be valiant in overcoming challenges in your service to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023

The Bible according to Benedict

When a team of theologians, medievalists, and artists began work on Saint John's Illuminated Bible in 1995, certain core values of Benedictine spirituality served as guiding principles. The finished product—the first hand-wrought copy of the Bible since the printing press in the 1400s—embodies some undeniable basics from Benedict's Rule, such as: the holiness of ordinary objects (simple goose quills for calligraphy) and the dignity of manual labor (vellum pages were hand-sanded repeatedly). But it's the larger themes of hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people that make it a rich text for our time. Contemplate this Bible's full significance at the Library of Congress website.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"I have seen God face to face," he said."*

Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023

Foundation for a just society

The Knights of Peter Claver was incorporated on this day in 1911, the fruit of a collaboration between three Josephite priests and three laymen in Mobile, Alabama. The black Catholic fraternal order was founded for African Americans in an age when much of the U.S. Church was still segregated and many Knights of Columbus councils refused to accept black members. Named for the historic Spanish Jesuit missionary to South America, the order has since gone on to incubate justice-minded Catholics in the United States and also in Saint Peter Claver's own mission base of

Colombia. The organization added a Ladies Auxiliary in 1922, which now outstrips the men in membership and activity. If you're interested in the intersection of the Catholic faith and social justice, support the Saint Peter Claver Foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Thursday, Jul 13, 2023

Let it reign

The kingdom of God, or reign of God, means many things to many people. The term appears in today's gospel and in fact appears in the New Testament alone well over 100 times. Theologians have discussed its meaning over the centuries. They propose that in various contexts it refers to a heavenly reward, to Jesus himself, to the faithful as they pursue righteousness on Earth, to a culture based on love, mercy, and justice, and other variations on these themes. Like any big concept, there might not be one "right answer." How do you envision the kingdom of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Friday, Jul 14, 2023

A touch of faith

"She who gropes her way" is an English translation of the Mohawk name Tekakwitha, Saint Kateri's second given name. That epithet is likely related to the fact that an outbreak of smallpox left Kateri orphaned, scarred, and visually impaired at the age of 4. As Kateri felt her way through her short life, she experienced the glories of nature, the riches of Catholic teachings, and the dignity of every soul. With help from family, friends, and a host of strangers, she discovered her true calling: to dedicate her life to God and give voice to God's truths. Pray to Saint Kateri that your vocation becomes crystal clear.

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say."*

Saturday, Jul 15, 2023

What we leave behind

History was not kind to the remains of Saint Bonaventure (1221-74), an Italian cardinal and minister general of the Franciscans. His many works of philosophy and theology are carefully preserved. But his body? Not so much. His torso was burned by invading Huguenots in 1562. His head, discovered to be uncorrupted 160 years after his death, was lost in the destruction of a church during the French Revolution. Only a lone arm has survived, resting in a church in Bagnoregio, Italy. Though your body will not last, your legacy can. Make it a good one.

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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