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CATHOLIC PARISH

July 11th, 2021

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*  
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

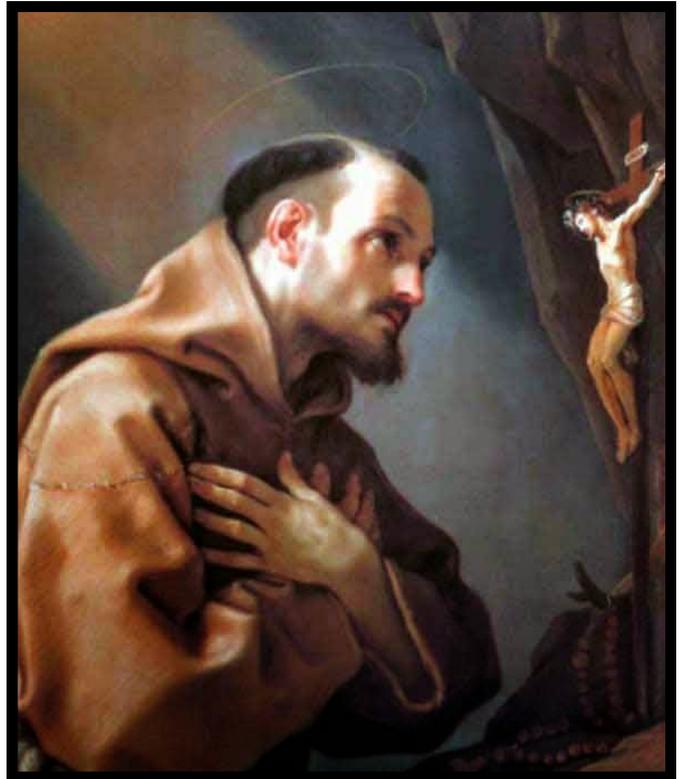
*O God, who didst give blessed Bonaventure to Thy people  
as a minister of eternal salvation; grant,  
we beseech Thee, that we, who have had him for our teacher  
on earth, may deserve to have him for our  
advocate in heaven.*

This coming Wednesday, the Church will commemorate St. Bonaventure, one of the leading scholars of the middle ages, known as the *Seraphic Doctor*. A Saint, scholastic theologian, Franciscan, Cardinal, spiritual writer, and Doctor of the Church, there is much we can learn from this Holy and Venerable man.

Bonaventure was born as Giovanni di Fidanza in the year 1221, not far from Rome. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1243 and studied at the University of Paris, the leading theological school of the middle ages. He was awarded the Franciscan chair at the University in 1253, and was awarded his doctoral degree in 1257 (after a two year delay due to conflicts between secular clergy and the mendicant orders), the same year as St. Thomas Aquinas.

Bonaventure's erudition was apparent to all within his order, and he was elected Minister-General of the Franciscan order while still a relatively young man. As Minister-General, he steered the Franciscans on an intellectual course, stressing the value of education. He also played a large role in the election of Pope Gregory X, a secular Franciscan, during the conclave of 1268-71, the longest Papal election in the history of the Church.

Bonaventure's scholarship is noteworthy because in contrast to the other leading scholastics, such as St. Thomas Aquinas or Roger Bacon, Bonaventure pursued mystical, rather than logical, modes of thinking, with a greater emphasis on theology. His focus on the spiritual rather than intellectual element in philosophy put him at odds with Aquinas. While the two substantially agreed in matters of theology, Bonaventure's Neo-Platonism was sometimes at odds with Aquinas' Aristotelianism.



# A COMMENTARY FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE CHURCH'S MISSION

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2–4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not “professionals” who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful

but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

-Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others**, please let Father or the parish office know: Carl Burrell, Elvira Colistro, Ray Lobdell, Rose Zinkgraf, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Peggy Cloke, Kathy McCarthy, Christopher Pitner, Ken Keyes, Shirley Anderson, Wayne Anderson, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

## SELECTIONS FROM THE *IMITATION OF CHRIST*, BY THOMAS KEMPIS

Written between 1418 and 1427, the *Imitation of Christ* is one of the earliest devotional manuals to be widely read. More than 100 printed editions were published by the end of the 15th century.

### **IMITATING CHRIST AND DESPISING ALL VANITIES ON EARTH**

“He who follows Me, walks not in darkness,” says the Lord. By these words of Christ we are advised to imitate His life and habits, if we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart. Let our chief effort; therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.

The teaching of Christ is more excellent than all the advice of the saints, and he who has His spirit will find in it a hidden manna. Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ. Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

What good does it do to speak learnedly about the Trinity if, lacking humility, you displease the Trinity? Indeed it is not learning that makes a man holy and just, but a virtuous life makes him pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and the principles of all the philosophers if we live without grace and the love of God? Vanity of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone.



This is the greatest wisdom -- to seek the kingdom of heaven through contempt of the world. It is vanity, therefore, to seek and trust in riches that perish. It is vanity also to court honor and to be puffed up with pride. It is vanity to follow the lusts of the body and to desire things for which severe punishment later must come. It is vanity to wish for long life and to care little about a well-spent life. It is vanity to be concerned with the present only and not to make provision for things to come.

Often recall the proverb: "The eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear filled with hearing." Try, moreover, to turn your heart from the love of things visible and bring yourself to things invisible. For they who follow their own evil passions stain their consciences and lose the grace of God.

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### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions  
(**St. Patrick**)

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

#### Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the  
11am Holy Mass*

### INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. on Mondays  
in the Extraordinary Form, and at 8 a.m. on  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Ordinary Form.

Confessions are heard on Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Please contact the parish office at to arrange a  
baptism, marriage, or funeral, to schedule a Mass  
intention, or if you are interested in becoming  
Catholic and sharing in our faith.

Please contact Jackie Silvey for prayer requests.  
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### MASS CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat** Jul 10 15th Sunday, Ordinary *Rita Glatt Flippen +*

**Sun** Jul 11 15th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

**Sun** Jul 11 7th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

**Sun** Jul 11 7th Sunday after Pentecost *Angel Revelles*

**Mon** Jul 12 Weekday *Jerry Price*

**Tue** Jul 13 Weekday *Jerry Price*

**Wed** Jul 14 Weekday *Jerry Price*

**Thu** Jul 15 Weekday NO MASS

**Fri** Jul 16 Weekday NO MASS

**Sat** Jul 17 16th Sunday, Ordinary *Rita Glatt Flippen +*

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Jul 18 16th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Jul 18 8th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Jul 18 8th Sunday after Pentecost *Angel Revelles*

Jul 19 Weekday *Barbara Skauer*

Jul 20 Weekday *Bob Wagner*

Jul 21 Weekday *Edward Yaklich*

Jul 22 Weekday NO MASS

Jul 23 Weekday NO MASS

Jul 24 17th Sunday, Ordinary *Rita Glatt Flippen +*

Jul 25 17th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Jul 25 9th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Jul 25 9th Sunday after Pentecost *Private Intention*

*Masses without intentions are celebrated according to the intention of the priest celebrant. To request the offering of the mass for your intention, please call the parish office or place your request in the Sunday collection*

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

### REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During the pandemic, we continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman's body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women's Health Center: 509-474-2400

### SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

### CHANGES TO CONFESSION

Due to conflicting schedules, Confessions will now be heard on Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. rather than on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

### NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

NCYM meets in small groups throughout the week, view the Winter Schedule on the website using the link below for more details.

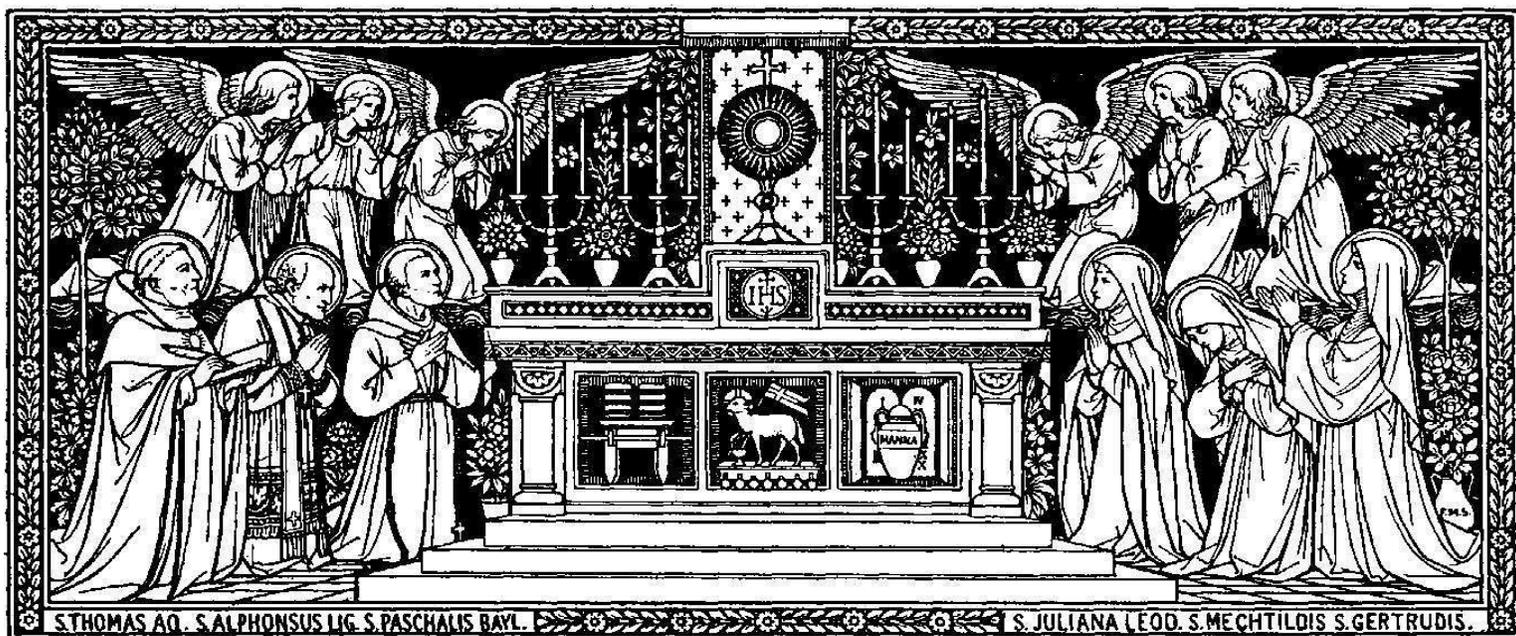
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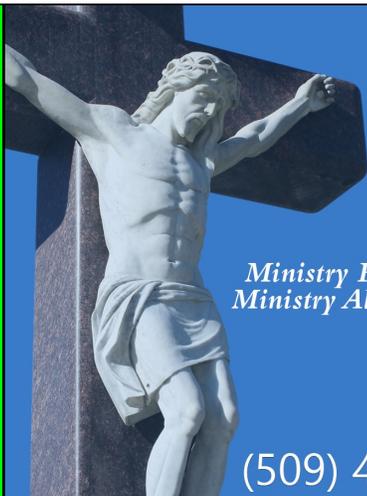
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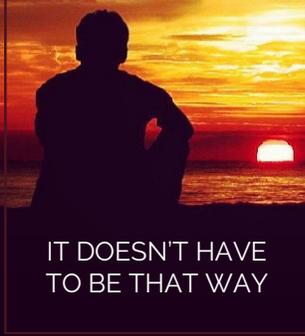


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