

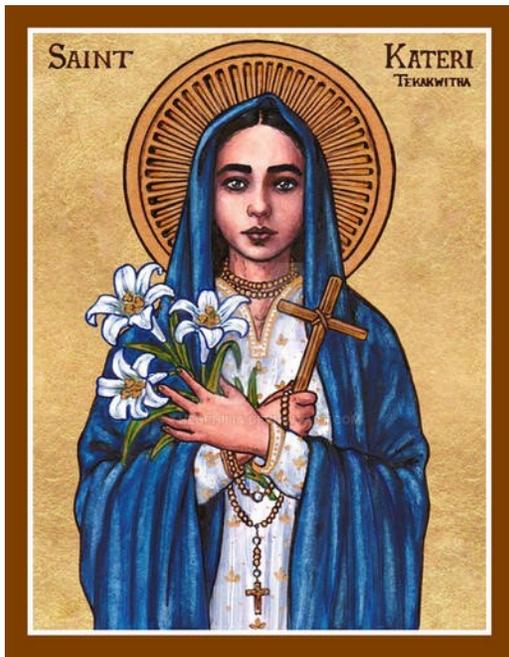


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July 18th, 2021

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



This last week, on the 14th, The Church celebrated the Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, one of the relatively few Saints who was born in North America. A Native American of the Mohawk tribe, Kateri was born in 1656 given the name “Tekakwitha” by her people, which loosely translates as “She who bumps into things.”

The Mohawk suffered a severe epidemic of Smallpox from 1661 to 1663, which resulted in the death of her whole family, and while Kateri was spared, the disease ravaged her body and left her with severe scars and limited eyesight.

Following a brief war with French colonists, the Mohawk began to accept Jesuit missionaries into their community under the terms of peace. Kateri was impressed by the charity of these priests, who spoke out against the

ritual torture practiced by the Mohawk, and who went to great length to baptize war captives who were about to be executed. Pressured by her tribe to marry, Kateri began studying the Catechism with Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, and was baptized at the age of nineteen, and vowed to remain chaste. Following her death in 1680, intercessions were frequently made to her for purposes of healing, and she was venerated locally in Quebec as early as the 18th century. Declared venerable by Pope Pius XII in 1943, and beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980, Kateri was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. The most recent approved miracle attributed to her took place here in Washington State: in 2006, a Lummi boy was cured a flesh-eating bacteria following her intercession.

Finally, a note on our changing daily Mass schedule. In order to make the sacrament more widely available to working people, and to increase the availability of the Extraordinary Form Mass, Mass will now be offered at the following times:

Monday: 5:30pm, Extraordinary Form
Tuesday: 8:00am, Extraordinary Form
Wednesday: 5:30pm, Ordinary Form
Thursday: 8:00am, Ordinary Form

A COMMENTARY FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ONE FLOCK

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see Ezekiel 34:23).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1-5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers 27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

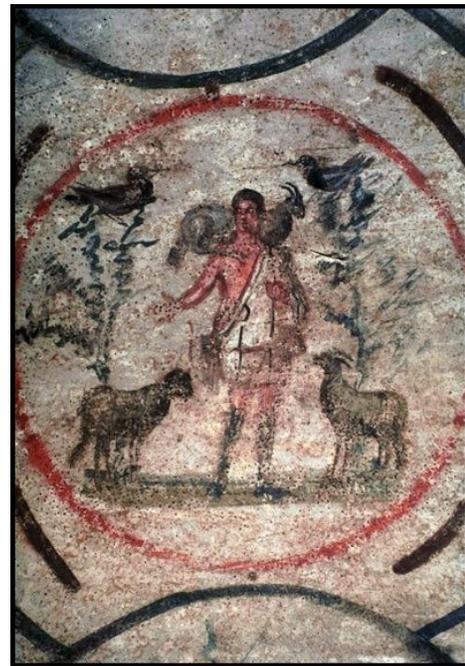
Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16).

Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

-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.

HAVING A HUMBLE OPINION OF SELF

Every man naturally desires knowledge; but what good is knowledge without fear of God? Indeed a humble rustic who serves God is better than a proud intellectual who neglects his soul to study the course of the stars. He who knows himself well becomes mean in his own eyes and is not happy when praised by men.

If I knew all things in the world and had not charity, what would it profit me before God Who will judge me by my deeds?

Shun too great a desire for knowledge, for in it there is much fretting and delusion. Intellectuals like to appear learned and to be called wise. Yet there are many things the knowledge of which does little or no good to the soul, and he who concerns himself about other things than those which lead to salvation is very unwise.

Many words do not satisfy the soul; but a good life eases the mind and a clean conscience inspires great trust in God.

The more you know and the better you understand, the more severely will you be judged, unless your life is also the more holy. Do not be proud, therefore, because of your learning or skill. Rather, fear because of the talent given you. If you think you know many things and understand them well enough, realize at the same time that there is much you do not know. Hence, do not affect wisdom, but admit your ignorance. Why prefer yourself to anyone else when many are more learned, more cultured than you?

If you wish to learn and appreciate something worth while, then love to be unknown and considered as nothing. Truly to know and despise self is the best and most perfect counsel. To think of oneself as nothing, and always to think well and highly of others is the best and most perfect wisdom. Wherefore, if you see another sin openly or commit a serious crime, do not consider yourself better, for you do not know how long you can remain in good estate. All men are frail, but you must admit that none is more frail than yourself.



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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 the following times:

Monday: 5:30pm, Extraordinary Form

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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.

She can be reached at (509) 483-3109

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at

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Our Mailing Address is:

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MASS CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sun Jul 18 16th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Sun Jul 18 8th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Sun Jul 18 8th Sunday after Pentecost *Angel Revelles*

Mon Jul 19 Weekday *Barbara Skauer*

Tue Jul 20 Weekday *Bob Wagner*

Wed Jul 21 Weekday *Edward Yaklich*

Thu Jul 22 Weekday *Poor Souls*

Fri Jul 23 Weekday NO MASS

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

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Jul 25 17th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Jul 25 9th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Jul 25 9th Sunday after Pentecost *Private Intention*

Jul 26 Weekday *Jerry Price*

Jul 27 Weekday *Jerry Price*

Jul 28 Weekday *Jerry Price*

Jul 29 Weekday *Poor Souls*

Jul 30 Weekday NO MASS

Jul 31 17th Sunday, Ordinary *Steven Kopczynski*

Aug 1 17th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*

Aug 1 9th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*

Aug 1 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

IMMACULATE HEART RETREAT CENTER

Beginning August 1st, Immaculate Heart once again is available for use as a place of retreat, quiet and prayer for the People of God. In addition to traditional retreats and days of recollection, IHRC offers a full slate of programs and opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment. Sunday and daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, spiritual direction, small and large gatherings, study groups, prayer walks, and Stations of the Cross. Call (509)-448-1224 or email kparke@ihrc.net to make reservations or for more information. Immaculate Heart Retreat Center has been an important part of our Diocese since 1959.

CHANGING DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

In an attempt to make the Eucharist more widely available during the week, St. Francis Xavier will be adjusting our daily Mass schedule. We will now have Daily Masses on a staggered schedule, so that an evening time is available. Because there are no evening Masses currently offered in the city, it is our hope that this will enable more working people to attend Mass. The new schedule is as follows:

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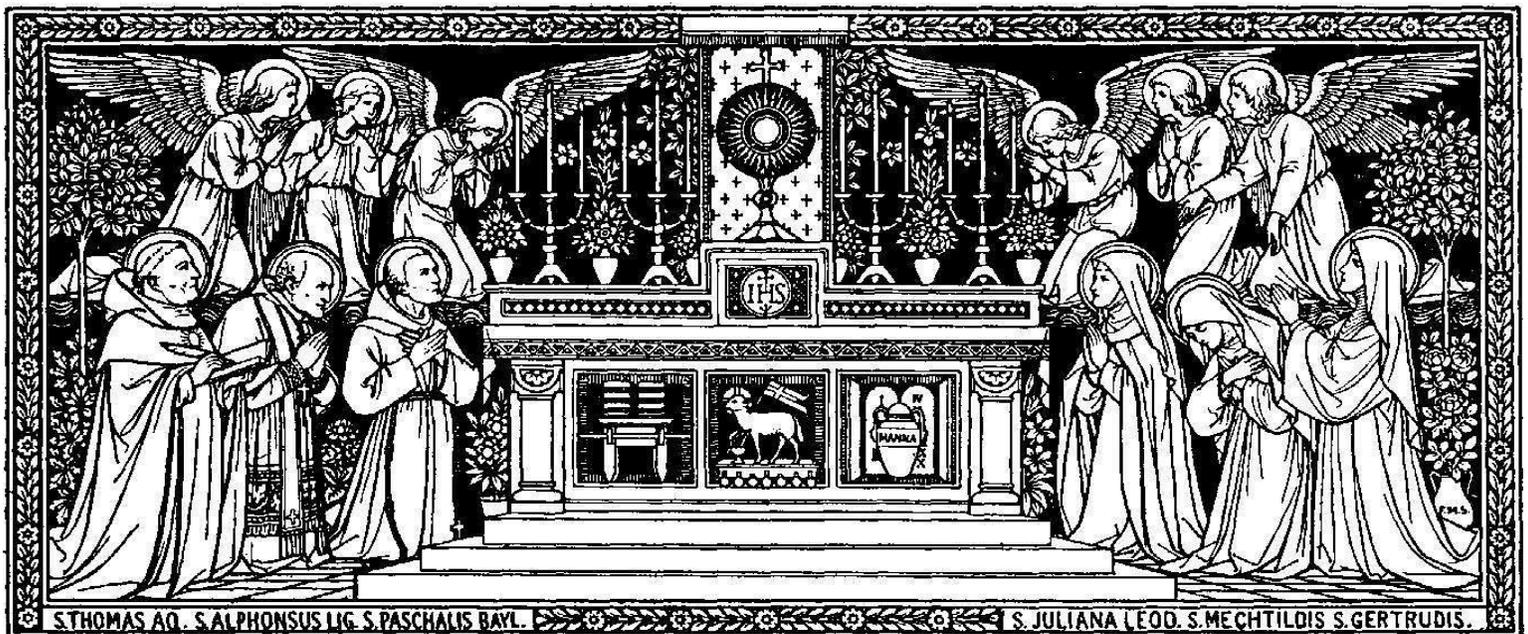
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ST. JOSEPH'S JOURNEYMEN

Given that the pews are looking a little bit tired, Fr. Semple is starting a men's woodworking ministry to restore the wood in our church. Restoring the pews is a relatively straightforward process of sanding and staining, scheduling is malleable but the work is best accomplished in teams of three. Please contact the office if you are a man interested in emulating our Lord's work as a carpenter. Young men are encouraged to join.





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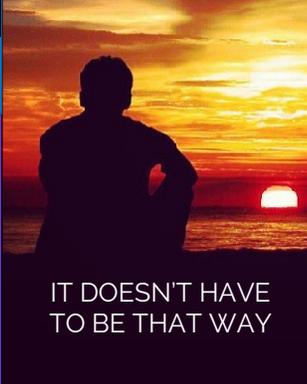
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