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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

# This Week

July 23 - 29, 2023

## SUN 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Emilie Cook  
8:00 am Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

## MON 24 Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhlūf

12:05 pm Mass for Lee Hendershot

## TUE 25 Feast of St. James

12:05 pm Mass for Dave Wieth

## WED 26 Memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne

12:05 pm Mass for Msgr. Gerald Calovini

## THU 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Larry Hetzel

## FRI 28 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Thomas & Eugenia Tobin

## SAT 29 Memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

9:00 am Mass for John F. Prascik  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

## SUN 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Ginny Felton  
10:30 am Mass for Daniel Schlosser



## From Father Sateesh

"Our God is patient and accomplishes all things in His time!"



The first reading from the book of Wisdom praises God for his care of all peoples and for judging all things justly. God shows his strength when people doubt the completeness of his power and his wise judgements. God could act instantly if he wanted all peoples to act according to his will alone. But God is patient and merciful and gives mankind the freedom to make mistakes and to undo the damage done. With forbearance he leads us and governs us. We thank God that he is not like us!

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to the crowds in parables. Jesus is speaking about an issue that confronts us: Why is there good and evil in this world? Why does God permit evil? Nature itself provides many metaphors for the kingdom of God. In the first parable the farmer does not weed his field because that might also damage the good plants. Similarly, faith communities are made up of imperfect individuals at various stages of spiritual growth. God does not 'prune' the community of believers but waits patiently for individuals to change and let the goodness in them bloom forth.

Like the farmer, God knows that things are not always what they first appear to be. God is patient, allowing us time to mature and reveal our truer selves. Given time we might turn out to be something very good. It is hard to trust the slow work of God. Perhaps when we grow frustrated with the world and wonder why God doesn't seem to be acting, we can reflect on his patience with us. If we do that, we might be able to cooperate more deeply in the slow work of God that will make all things right in God's own time.

The parable of the mustard seed and the leaven shows that something quite small can have a very large effect. Our God, while doing great and magnificent things, is also the God of small things! Some of the greatest saints had humble beginnings and spent their lives doing 'little' things. The kingdom of God is really like a mustard seed or a pinch of yeast.

There are times when we get angry and upset with God because he doesn't seem to be acting fast enough. We are faced with so many problems and difficulties and we feel we can see the solution and we wonder why God is not doing anything about it. If only we could take charge, we would act immediately and set things right! We are reminded today that God is in charge, and He does all things well with his infinite patience and wisdom. Let's be grateful to God for his patience with us and his providential care! May we wait on others just as God waits patiently for us!!!



# An Evening of Eucharistic Encounter

with Deacon Paul Lim

Join us for an evening of Adoration, reflection, and music to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, August 17  
7:00 pm**

**Reconciliation will be available  
Light Social to follow**



The Cathedral of St. Joseph



## WORLD DAY *for* GRANDPARENTS *and the* ELDERLY

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

*Special Blessing  
at the conclusion of  
all the weekend Masses*



Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church. **To celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we will invite all the grandparents and elderly present this weekend to receive a special blessing at the conclusion of Mass.**

## MASS for the CONVERSION of LOST SOULS

Join us as we entrust our loved ones and friends who have left the practice of the Faith to the intercession of

**SAINT MONICA**  
*Patron of Wayward Children*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25  
6:00 P.M.**



**NEXT EVENT:  
LUNCH AT PERKINS  
680 National Road, Wheeling  
Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m.**



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**Text CSJ to 84576 or  
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## Blessed Stanley Rother

Stanley Francis Rother was born on March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma to farmers. He discerned the call to priesthood while in high school. He studied at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio and then at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland prior to his ordination to the priesthood in 1963 in the Diocese of Oklahoma City.

Following his ordination, Rother served as an associate pastor at four different parishes in the area before requesting to be sent on mission to Guatemala. He started his service at the diocese's mission to the Tz'utujil people of Santiago Atitlán in South-west Guatemala in 1968.

While he served in Guatemala, a civil war raged between the militarist government forces and the guerrillas. The Catholic Church was caught in the middle due to its insistence on catechizing and educating the people. During this conflict, thousands of Catholics were killed. Eventually, Father Rother's name appeared on a death list. Within a few months, three men entered the rectory on July 28, 1981, fought with Fr. Rother and then executed him.

In 2016, Pope Francis officially recognized Father Rother as a martyr for the faith and was beatified in 2017 in Oklahoma City – an event attended by more than 20,000 people. Fr. Rother is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified.

## Mowing and discipleship: Summer lessons from my son

By Mark Haas (Published on Aleteia.org)

*There's not much need to explain the nuances, rules, and regulations when we have clear what discipleship really is.*

What does it mean to be a disciple? Strictly speaking, a disciple is someone who is learning any skill or trade from someone else. The word is derived from the Old English, *discipul*, meaning "one who follows another for the purpose of learning." From a Biblical perspective, the term comes from the Latin, *discipulus*, meaning "pupil, student, follower."

In the Four Gospels, the term is particularly applied to the Apostles, sometimes called the "twelve disciples." In addition to the twelve Apostles, there was also a large group of seventy-two "disciples" that had been chosen by Jesus. Also, in the Book of Acts, the term was used to describe all converts, the believers, both men and women.

Being a disciple of Christ means to leave everything of this world, and follow Him (see Mt. 19:21). It means to "take up our cross and follow Him" (Lk. 9:23). It also means that we must be more like Him. As disciples, we are called to "be imitators of God" (Eph. 5:1).

### To be imitators of God.

My wife and I have been blessed with seven children: five girls and two boys. We have noticed that our children are constantly imitating us. They simply watch what we are doing, and they turn and repeat the same thing (the good things and the bad things!).



When my wife does her hair and makeup, the girls ask if they can have decorated hair and makeup. When I drink my morning coffee, the kids ask if they can drink coffee. When I yell at an erratic driver, the kids all yell the same thing.

One weekly routine that I have is to mow the grass. Now, there is nothing cooler to my young toddler boys than mowing grass. They are constantly asking if they can mow the grass like daddy. So, for one of their birthdays, we bought a new Fisher-Price lawnmower. It came complete with a gas can, starter pull cord, and a loud "clicking" sound that was activated when you pushed the mower.

When it's grass-mowing time, my son is ready! The following routine ensues: I pull out my mower; toddler pulls out his mower. I fill up the mower with gas; he fills up with his gas. I pull my cord to start; he pulls his cord to start. I start pushing in lines; he starts pushing in lines. I wipe sweat from my head with my shirt; he swipes sweat from his head with his shirt. All the while, I'm explaining none of this to him. He simply watches his dad, and he does the same.

Suddenly, the lightbulb went off in my head: This is the perfect example of discipleship! I didn't have a to explain the nuances of grass-mowing to him. I didn't have to prep him with a bunch of rules, terms or conditions. I simply had to show him, and he imitated me.

This is just like our heavenly Father. We are like children who want desperately to be like our Daddy. And God doesn't need to miraculously appear to us to explain the details. All we need to do is follow his example as demonstrated in Holy Scripture. We need to be poor in spirit, pure of heart, meek

and humble (see Mt. 5:1-12). We need to have the heart of a little child (see Mt. 18:3). We need to be baptized, receive the Lord in Holy Communion, and do the Father's will through charitable works (see John 3:5, John 6:53, Mt. 7:21).

The Lord has demonstrated for us how to be with Him forever in heaven. All we need to do is to be like children and follow Him.

*Mark Haas is the Director of Music at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, WV.*



### Month of the Precious Blood

"As we now approach the month devoted to honoring Christ's Blood - the price of our redemption, the pledge of salvation and life eternal - may Christians meditate on it more fervently, may they savor its fruits more frequently in sacramental communion." So wrote Pope Saint John XXIII, in his apostolic letter *Inde a Primus*, encouraging this devotion.

The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

### Ways to Honor the Precious Blood

- ❖ Pray the Litany of the Precious Blood
- ❖ Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration
- ❖ Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

## FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



**Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,**

#### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

**Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jamanning710@gmail.com**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### Live & Give in Gratitude

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it. So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of July 23

#### THIS SUNDAY

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

#### MONDAY

Exodus 14:5-18  
(Ps) Ex15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Matthew 12:38-42

#### TUESDAY

2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Ps 146:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Matthew 20:20-28

#### WEDNESDAY

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15  
Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28  
Matthew 13:1-9

#### THURSDAY

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20  
(Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
Matthew 13:10-17

#### FRIDAY

Exodus 20:1-17  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Matthew 13:18-23

#### SATURDAY

Exodus 24:3-8  
Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15  
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

#### NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

*The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.*

### July 18 - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, priest (1828-1898)

St. Sharbel Makhlūf was a Lebanese monk and hermit who was known for his wise counsel in life and for many miraculous healings after his death. His favorite book was *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis. When he entered the Monastery of St. Maron at 23, he took the name Sharbel after the second-century martyr of the Antioch Church. He lived an austere life as a hermit and devoted his time to prayer, contemplation, and manual labor.

### July 25 - St. James, apostle (1st century)

James the Greater is the brother of the Apostle John, one of the "sons of thunder" who were privileged witnesses of some of Jesus' greatest signs: the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead, the Transfiguration, and the agony in the garden. James was the first Apostle to suffer martyrdom, slain by Herod's orders as described in Acts of the Apostles. According to legend, his remains were carried away by his friends in a rudderless boat, which drifted all the way to Spain. Many centuries later his remains were discovered, and a great cathedral was built over the spot where they were found (Santiago de Compostela, which became one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations of the Middle Ages). To this day, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims make their way to that remote corner of Spain to venerate the relics of St. James. *Patronage:* pilgrims; Spain

### July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The information we have regarding Saints Joachim and Anne comes from an unreliable source known as the Gospel of James. They are portrayed as an old and barren couple who longed to bring life into the world. Through an angelic messenger they are told they will bear a child - not just any child, but one who will be revered for all time, the Blessed Virgin Mary. *Patronage:* childless women; expectant mothers; grandparents

### July 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (1st century)

Martha is remembered as the bustling woman chided by Christ for being "anxious and worried about many things" (Lk 10:41) while her more contemplative sister, Mary, chose "the better part" (Lk 10:42). Lazarus is the brother of Mary and Martha and the one whom Jesus restored to life in the Gospel of John. Today's memorial used to be only for St. Martha; however, in 2021, Pope Francis ordered that the memorial be broadened to include Mary and Lazarus.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### WHY DO WE NEED A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

One reason is that a number of polls over the past decade have shown that many Catholics do not understand what the Church teaches about the Eucharist, including a poll by the Pew Research Center in 2019 that showed only one third of U.S. Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus.

A second reason for a Eucharistic Revival that every practicing Catholic will recognize is the Covid-19 pandemic, which brought about a sacramental famine across the globe for almost two years. As valuable as "Zoom Masses" and televised liturgies were to many, they by definition cannot deliver the tangible "taste and see" reality of the Eucharist—or of Mass itself. It is also important to recognize that not everyone came back to Mass.

"Our world is hurting," says the website created by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for the National Eucharistic Revival. "We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength." Our church, too, is hurting and in need of healing and hope. Can't we all seek it in the very gift Jesus gave to the people of God?

## SAVE THE DATE



THE Cathedral of St. Joseph  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**



For more information, go to: [www.dwc.org/onemillionrosaries](http://www.dwc.org/onemillionrosaries)

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Philippa Shores
Angela Niehart	Dianna Albright	Kermit Klosterman	Rachel Wade
Archer Hatch	Doug Jones	Kristin Smith	R. J. Stocke
Arthur Danehart	Eric South	Langan Family	Richard Simon
Austin Cook	Eva Wood	Liam Barns	Rick Burgy
Barb Mazzocca	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Liam Manning	Ron Hickman
Beth Jochum	Frank Davis	Lukie Brown	Rosalie Davis
Betty Teater	Frederick C. Schweizer	Margaret Stocke	Rose Otey
Bill Wilson	Gail Koch	Marge Mucke	Sarah Hanasky
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Marie Farnsworth	Sarah Sargent
Billy Hanasky	Gerri Adams Nagy	Marie & Conner	Shirley DeCaria
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Workman	Stanley Kyr
Brogan Gallentine	Janet Rodriguez	Mark Davis	Susan Graff
Caleb Hlebiczki	Jean Schultz	Marshall South	Susan Mize
Carolyn Lash	Jim Antill	Martha Yocum	Susan Schulte
Carolyn Wiethe	Jim and Dee	Mary K. Schlosser	Tammy
Catherine Lanham	Jimmy Hocking	Mary Walicki	Teresa Helfer
Charles Heizer	Joe Bechtel	Michael DeBlasis	Thelma Pearson
Charles DeBene	John Petrella	Milissa Rose	Tony Helfer
Children of the	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nadine Greenwood	Trystan Timmons
Youth Services System	Judy Pack	Nicholas Barns	Victoria Jeskey
Christina Helfer	Julia Sheets	Pete Cuffaro	Zoey Knight
Chuck Fair	Kathy Cooley	Pete Mack	

### From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Roman Collar

#### Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

#### Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

# The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



## MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)  
8:00 am  
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)  
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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- FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am
- SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
or by appointment

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

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