

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023**

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule (Mass)
 Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
 Sundays: 7:30, 10:00 a.m.,
 12:00p.m. (Spanish)
 Weekdays:
 Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.
 Thursday- 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
 Thursdays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Other times: By appointment only

Marriages:
 Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

Baptisms:
 Required pre-baptismal classes for parents and godparents. Please call the office two months prior to anticipated baptism date.
 Sponsors (Godparents) must be practicing Catholics.

Matrimonios:
 Los arreglos deben hacerse con seis meses de antelación.

Bautismos:
 Se requiere clases pre-bautismales para padres y padrinos. Por favor llame a la oficina dos meses antes de la fecha prevista para el bautismo.
 Los padrinos (padrinos) deben ser católicos practicantes.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS -**First Reading:**

And you taught your people, by these deeds,
that those who are just must be kind;
and you gave your children good ground for hope
that you would permit repentance for their sins.
(Wis 12:19)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with
inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

Gospel:

“Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Mt 13:30)

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Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

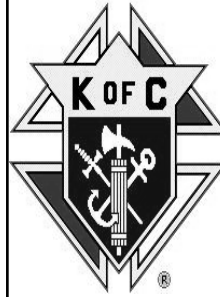
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**Knights of Columbus Council 9969 for the weekend of 7/22-7/23**

The 27th Annual 9969 Foundation Golf Tournament and Wine Social – scheduled for Sunday, August 13th at beautiful Moorpark CC – is right around the corner. We need your help with donations for auction items and raffle prizes, and

don't forget to sell your Super Drawing tickets as this year's prize is \$5,000 in cash! Help us make this year's event the best ever! Tournament information and signup brochures are available in the church vestibule.

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, July 23rd, at Holy Cross from 8AM to 12PM. Check the insert in the bulletin for more information and details on how to schedule an appointment.

All are invited to join the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 9969 as we recite our Scriptural Rosary on Wednesday, July 26th at 7:30PM at the Chapel. If you wish to attend the Scriptural Rosary via Zoom, please contact Leonard Cruz at (805) 889-1620 or E-mail leonardcruz386@yahoo.com.

Why not join your Brother Knights for the August General Business Meeting on Thursday, August 10th at 7:30PM at the Chapel? Why not make a New Columbian Year's Resolution to get involved with the many charitable efforts your council supports? We could use your help!

REPENT, THEN,
AND TURN TO GOD,
SO THAT YOUR SINS
MAY BE WIPED OUT.

ACTS 3:19

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Prayer for Increased Faith

Dear Lord,
You say that faith needs only be the size of a mustard seed
but even that seems like a lot some days.
Increase our faith!
Let's move mountains, together.
Amen.

Pray for ...

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Moorpark Pantry Plus Priority Items

We will accept and appreciate all food donations

Bagged Beans 16 oz	Sugar	Jelly
Bagged Rice 16 oz	Flour	
Oil	Peanut butter	

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name given to the Chalice used by Christ at the last supper?

Answer: Holy Grail

TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el nombre que se le da al Cáliz usado por Cristo en la última cena?

Respuesta: Santo Grial

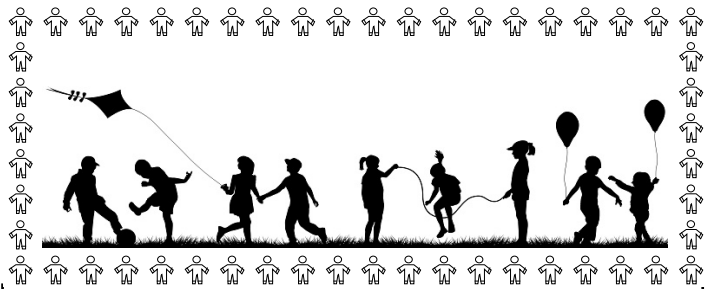
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July 22-23

It's all about the behavior

“It’s all about the behavior” is a common reminder for safe adults to be aware that abuse can happen anywhere, and to anyone. Parents and caregivers must be vigilant to any warning signs of inappropriate behavior, even if a suspected abuser does not fit a stereotypical profile. The same is true of abuse victims — there is no demographic “failsafe,” such as age, race, gender, background, income, etc., that prevents a certain person from being abused. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “It’s All About the Behavior” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Todo se reduce al comportamiento

“Todo se trata del comportamiento” es un recordatorio común para que los adultos de confianza sepan que el abuso puede ocurrir en cualquier lugar y a cualquier persona. Los padres de familia y cuidadores deben estar atentos a cualquier señal de advertencia de comportamiento inapropiado, incluso si un presunto abusador no se ajusta a un perfil estereotipado. Lo mismo se aplica a las víctimas de abuso. No existe algo seguro, como una demografía, edad, raza, género, antecedentes, ingresos, etcetera, que impida que una determinada persona sea abusada. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “It’s All About the Behavior” (Todo se trata del comportamiento) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

If anyone is interested in advertising in our bulletin please call Jaime Arvizu at LPI. 602-642-4136 or jarvizu@4lpi.com

GOSPEL MEDITATION -
July 23, 2023
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Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for. What could you pray for this week?

Gospel:

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world. How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Nuestro escritor de sabiduría judía describe a Dios como indulgente, poderoso y bondadoso. ¿Qué palabras usarías para describir a Dios?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo anima a los creyentes en Roma que el Espíritu intercede por nosotros y nos enseña por qué orar. ¿Por qué podrías orar esta semana?

Evangelio:

En la parábola de la cizaña entre el trigo, Jesús habla en privado a sus discípulos de la presencia del maligno, el diablo en este mundo. ¿Cómo podemos defender mejor a nuestra familia y seres queridos del mal?

Mater Dolorosa Centro de Retiros Pasionista

Presenta el retiro anual de fin de semana de español para mujeres:

" Bendita eres entre todas las mujeres"

Meditaciones sobre las Bienaventuranzas

Los Ejercicios ESpirituales

estarán dirigidos por:

Hna. Ma del Socorro Ruiz Ríos, CFP

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¿Cuándo?

4 al 6 de Agosto, 2023

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MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -
23 de julio de 2023
16° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las parábolas son verdaderas cátedras de Jesús, nunca pasan de moda sus enseñanzas. Hoy escuchamos con alegría tres de las siete parábolas que Mateo nos ofrece en el capítulo 13. La de la cizaña, la semilla de mostaza y la levadura. Para mostrar el Reino de los cielos, Jesús compara el trigo y la cizaña, la semilla de mostaza y la levadura que fermenta la masa. El domingo pasado fue la del sembrador, que siembra su semilla a lo largo del camino. El domingo que viene escucharemos otras de ellas. ¿Qué nos quiere decir la Palabra de Dios con sus parábolas? Sencillamente, es dejar de hacer el mal y dedicarnos a hacer el bien. A rendidas cuentas lo que importa es el Reino de Dios. Ser trigo, ser un granito de mostaza y ser levadura, es unirnos al equipo de Jesús para mejorar la sociedad en que vivimos.

“El Evangelio de hoy presenta dos modos de actuar y de vivir la historia: por un lado, la mirada del amor, que ve de lejos; por otro, la mirada de los siervos, que ven el problema. Los criados se preocupan por un campo sin malezas, el amo se preocupa por el buen trigo. El Señor nos invita a asumir su misma mirada, la que mira al buen trigo, que sabe custodiarlo también en las malas hierbas” (Papa Francisco 07/19/2020). “Quien tenga oídos, que entienda” (Mateo 13:43). Respuesta sabia a la pregunta de sus discípulos al final del Evangelio, y vale para nosotros también.

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ARREPIÉNTANSE,
 ENTONCES, Y
 VUÉLVANSE A DIOS,
 PARA QUE SUS PECADOS
 SEAN BORRADOS.

HECHOS 3, 19

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LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO -

Primera lectura:

Y enseñaste a tu pueblo, por estas obras,
 que los que son justos deben ser amables;
 y diste a tus hijos buen terreno para la esperanza
 que permitirías el arrepentimiento de sus pecados.
 (Sab 12,19)

Salmo:

Señor, eres bueno y perdonador. (Sal 86)

Segunda lectura:

El Espíritu viene en ayuda de nuestra debilidad;
 porque no sabemos orar como conviene,
 pero el Espíritu mismo intercede con gemidos in-
 decibles. (Romanos 8:26)

Evangelio:

“Que crezcan juntos hasta la siega;
 entonces en el tiempo de la siega diré a los
 segadores:
 “Primero recoge la maleza y ácala en manojos
 para quemarla;
 pero recoged el trigo en mi granero.” (Mt 13,30)

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Las lecturas de la semana del 23 de julio de 2023

Domingo: Sab 12, 13. 16-19/Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10.
 15-16 (5)/Rom 8, 26-27/
 Mt 13, 24-43 o 13, 24-30

Lunes: Ex 14, 5-18/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt
 12, 38-42

Martes: 2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/
 Mt 20, 20-28

Miércoles: Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15/Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24.
 25-26. 27-28/Mt 13, 1-9

Jueves: Ex 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20/Dn 3, 52. 53.
 54. 55. 56/Mt 13, 10-17

Viernes: Ex 20, 1-17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt
 13, 18-23

Sábado: Ex 24, 3-8/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Jn
 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42

Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 3, 5. 7-12/Sal 118, 57. 7
 2. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130
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 Rom 8, 28-30/Mt 13, 44-52 o
 13, 44-46

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Biography

Stanley Francis Rother was born on March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma to farmers. The eldest of four siblings, he discerned the call to priesthood while in high school and, upon graduating, studied locally at the St. John Seminary. Due to his trouble with learning Latin, though, he struggled academically and had to transfer to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio and then to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland before he finally was able to complete his studies and graduate. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 in the diocese of Oklahoma City.

Following his ordination, Rother served as an associate parish priest 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 Southwest Guatemala in 1968.

Despite his difficulties with learning Latin, Father Rother committed to learning both Spanish and the Tz'utujil native language. While living among the Tz'utujil people, he supported a local radio station that transmitted language and math lessons, preached in both Spanish and Tz'utujil, and even founded a local hospital. He was well loved by those he lived among due to his ability to connect and his habit of smoking tobacco pipes with his neighbors. His community lived in abject poverty, and he made no concessions for himself, living alongside those he served in the same manner as they lived. His friends and community in Santiago Atitlán called him by his middle name, Francis, or in their native language, Apla, as Stanly didn't have a native analogue.

Violence in Guatemala became prevalent and escalated significantly in the 1980's. Before his death, Fr. Rother experienced the destruction of his radio station, and friends going missing, being tortured, and murdered by right-wing guerilla forces. His own life was threatened by those perpetuating the violence and he became accustomed to constantly being watched and targeted. Despite all of this, he continued to serve and live alongside his community of Tz'utujil people stating, "The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."

On July 28, 1981, just after midnight, three Spanish-speaking non-indigenous men snuck into the rectory of the mission looking for blood. After seizing the teenaged brother of the associate pastor, they threatened to kill him if he didn't take them to Fr. Rother, the senior pastor. Once at his room's door, the young captive called out a warning and, despite this, Fr. Rother decided to let his would-be assailants into the room in an effort to save the teenager. They quickly let the youth go and apprehended Fr. Rother instead. In an effort to protect everyone else on the premises, including the nine sisters in the convent across the patio, he chose to fight the men instead of to allow them to simply take him captive and, possibly, also have an opportunity to hurt or kidnap any of the others. During the altercation, the men shot him in the head, murdering him, and then ran from the premises.

His community greatly mourned his loss and requested that his heart remain enshrined in Guatemala, where it can be found to this day. He was officially recognized as a martyr for the faith by Pope Francis in 2016 — the first U.S.-born priest to be martyred and, as of 2017, the first to be beatified.

Holy Cross Parishioners!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered the First Friday of every month. Adoration begins after the 8:00 am mass & continues until 6:00pm.

From 6:00pm -7:00pm , there is a Holy Hour in Spanish with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

We are currently in need of volunteers to commit to an hour of time with Our Lord. If you are available please contact: Kathy Johnston at 805-402-7856

Thank you !

Feligreses de la Santa Cruz!

La Exposición de El Santísimo Sacramento es ofrecida el primer viernes de cada mes. La Adoración comienza después de la misa de las 8:00am y continúa asta las 6:00pm.

De las 6:00pm - 7:00pm, hay una Hora Santa en español con La Exposición de El Santísimo Sacramento.

Estamos necesitando voluntarios que se comprometan y enlisten para acompañar por una hora a Nuestro Señor.

Si tú estás disponible y deseas hacerlo por favor contacta a:

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Mass Intentions for the week 7/23

Sunday 7:30 am Parishioners
10:00 am Sneed Family (Special Intention)
12:00 pm Manuel Morales (RIP)

Monday 8:00 am Zedd Rado (RIP)

Tuesday 8:00 am James Fairbanks (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am Vincent Tao Nguyen (RIP)

Thursday 8:00 am Ronald S. W. Lew (RIP)
7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am All Souls

Saturday 4:00 pm Clem Luna (RIP)

Prayer Request