



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 1, 2018 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Daily Gospel Readings:

Monday: Mt. 8:18-22
Tuesday: Jn. 20:24-29
Wednesday: Mt. 8:28-34
Thursday: Mt. 9:1-8
Friday: Mt. 9:9-13
Saturday: Mt. 9:14-17
Sunday: Mk. 6:1-6

From the Pastor:

Dear Faithful,

All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses and religious orders, and we much give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. So, on behalf of all Catholics everywhere, please be generous.

Fr. Stoley

Last Week's Collection will be included in next week's bulletin.

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. And do, thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

7 Reasons to Attend Daily Mass

1... 30 Minutes of Peace

Our lives are noisy and not because they always have to be, but because we have been conditioned to need constant stimulation. Our phones, iPads, and televisions usually win the battle for our eyes at the dinner table and just about everywhere else. Even when we ‘get a break’ we hardly ever take a moment to just unplug. Go to Mass and leave your phone in the car, you won’t regret it.

2... Moves the Focus AWAY from Ourselves

Our busy schedules, our bills, our lives are always overrun with our problems. How little we actually consider something or someone beyond ourselves. Going to Mass, and making it a daily habit, causes us to focus on something else for one half hour and it’s not something that needs fixing or something we need to work for, it’s just the greatest act of worship man could experience this side of heaven. Every time a mass is offered, whether you’re there or not, **it’s a sacrifice offered on YOUR BEHALF**. Christ invites us to receive Him in this sacrifice as often as we are able; it is precisely why Christ makes himself continually available in the sacrifice of the Mass. He doesn’t have to, He wants to. The Mass is for you. Give part of each day for Him.

3. Making an Act of Faith

It’s extremely convenient to take on the ‘*woe is me*’ attitude when life doesn’t seem to go ‘our way.’ In the difficulties our faith becomes fickle when, in reality, the difficult times show us what our faith is really made of. Daily Mass with its daily acts of faith reinforces our faith and centers our hope in Christ and is Gospel. We are renewed in communion with Christ. Faithfully going to Daily Mass allows us to see this more clearly.

4. Dedicated Time for Prayer

Daily Mass gives us ample opportunity to restructure our prayer life. I think many of us can call ourselves ‘guilty’ of the Christmas-list prayer style. “Dear God, I want this, that, and the other thing. Amen” Going to Mass regularly exposes us to new forms and focuses of prayer. Prayer doesn’t change God’s point of view; it changes ours. Chances are our prayers aren’t ‘getting answered’ because we are going about it the wrong way. Not that we’re praying wrong, because God delights in an honest prayer... BUT Mass can teach us that prayer has a lot to do with being thankful, with making penance, and with praying for others. Daily Mass can and will improve our prayer habits if we let it. I’m fairly confident you’ll notice a significant change in how your prayers are being answered.

5....Read and be familiar with the Bible

Daily Mass allows us to become familiar with the Scriptures. In the course of two years those who faithfully attend daily Mass will have read essentially the entire Bible – and depending on the celebrant a brief reflection on each passage.

6. A profound daily share in the Sacrifice of Jesus.

Those who daily attend Mass are drawn into the eternal sacrifice of Christ in which they can offer their daily sacrifices, prayers and actions, united to the perfect sacrifice of Christ to our Heavenly Father. They also daily offer the sacrifices, petitions, and needs of the entire Church on the Altar of Christ’s Sacrifice. This share in his sacrifice allows them to also offer the sacrifices of all the members of the Christ. This is the best service we can offer our parish and Church universal.

7. Jesus

If you, for no other reason, choose to go to Daily Mass let it be for the genuine encounter with Christ. you will LITERALLY encounter Christ in the Mass. Your flesh and His will unite in a way unachievable anywhere else in our existence.

So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. – John 6:53-5

Mass Intentions This Week

2 July	Mon. 7:00 am	NO MASS
3 July	Tues. 7:00 am	NO MASS
4 July	Wed. 7:00 am	NO MASS
5 July	Thur. 7:00 am	NO MASS
	8:30 am	NO MASS
6 July	Fri. 7:00 am 11:30 am	NO MASSES
7 July	Sat. 7:00 am	NO MASS
	5:30 pm	Randy Veik
8 July	Sun. 9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Special Intention