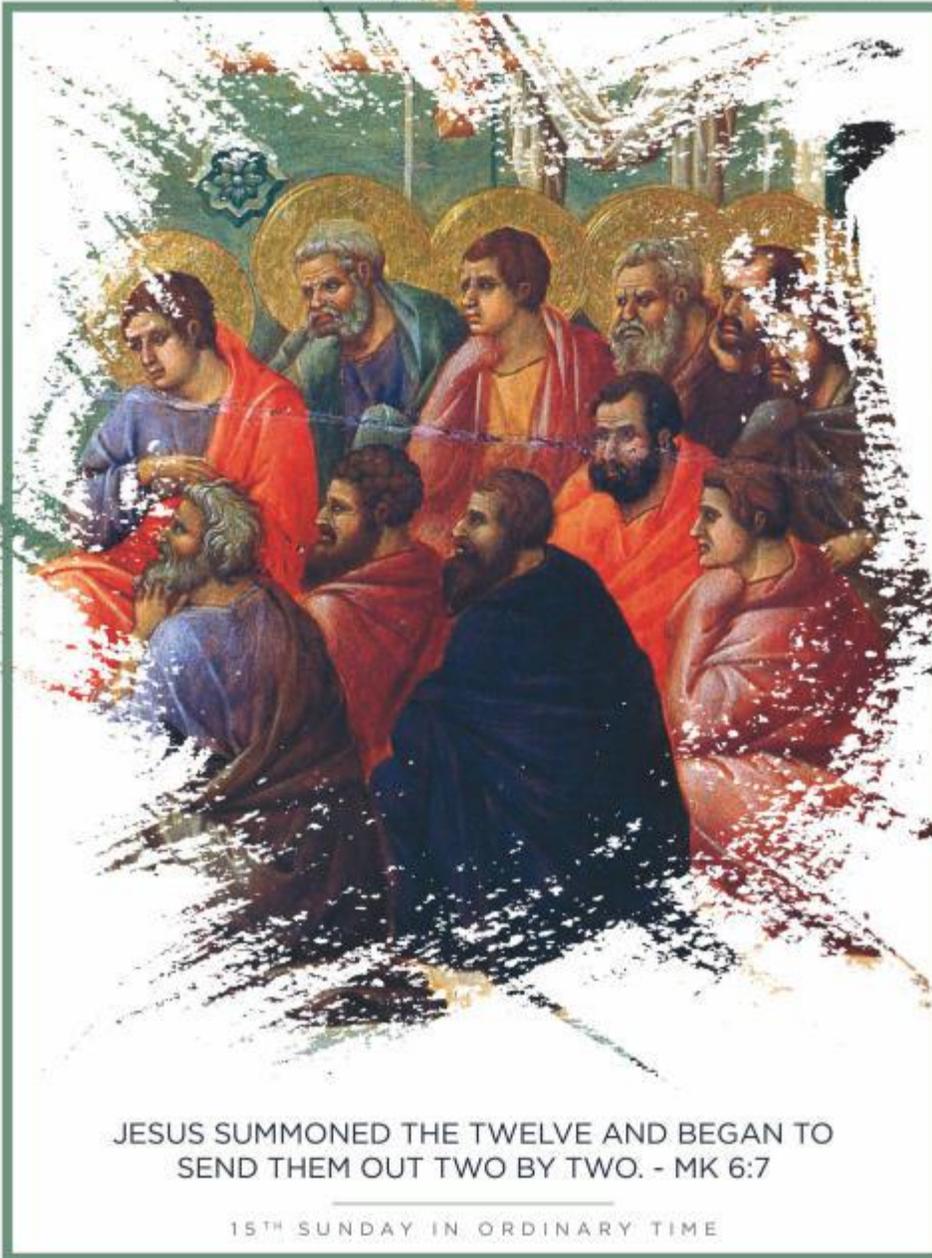


# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**PLEASE NOTE:** we have added an **8:00am Sunday Mass** to the schedule. The updated schedule is as follows:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00 a.m.  
Tues., Thur.: NO MASS  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

## Reflect AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### FIRST READING:

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. **How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?**

### SECOND READING:

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. **Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?**

### GOSPEL:

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. **Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus?**

## CSA 2021: FUEL THE MISSION

Please consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2021.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Catholic Services Appeal thus far. We are happy to say we have met our CSA target for this year. However, **we are not done!** From here, 100% of any additional donations will go directly to our parish for needed improvements.

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*(Fruitful Discipleship, by Sherry Weddell, pg 114-116)*

**PRAY: Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week**

*Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of the Gifts, to Sacred Heart Church and to our Sister Parishes; Open our minds and hearts to hear your voice and feel your direction. Reveal to each of us the special and particular gifts (Charisms) You have given to each to use for others in Your Kingdom. Provide opportunities for me to test and discern whether I might have the **Charism of Encouragement**. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in each of us the fire of your love as we discern and use our Charisms. Amen!*

**ASK & ACT:** What is this note saying to **me**? Do people tell me that I am a good listener who is able to comfort and heal others by talking with them? Do Individuals seek me out to talk when they are troubled or uncertain? Does listening and talking to individuals about their concerns feel energizing for me and even sometimes feel like prayer? Has anyone ever told me their lives were changed for the better after spending time talking to me? I will **Pray** over these questions, asking God to lead me into discernment of whether (or not) He has given me the **Charism of Encouragement**. Remember it is also important to discern what Charisms you do NOT have.

*Go to [familiesofparishes.org](http://familiesofparishes.org) to see more about Family of Parishes*

## Saint OF THE WEEK

**JULY 14 | SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

On July 14, it is the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf were tortured to death by Huron and Iroquois Native American nations, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. She was to be the first person born in North America to be beatified. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Kateri lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes (missionaries) but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk man and at nineteen finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, she received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, she stole away one night and began a two-hundred-mile walking journey to a Christian Native American village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity and in strenuous penance. At twenty-three she took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for a Native American woman, whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: She did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980. She is the patron saint of ecologists, the environment, people in exile, and World Youth Day.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have

met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider



important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take. ©LPI



### SACRED HEART Intercessory Prayer Team

**The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession.**

**As we continue to celebrate the launch of Families of Parishes, let us pray:**

~ *May Fr. Craig Marion be blessed by the love of Christ shared in our Sacred Heart parish so he will feel welcomed, encouraged and strengthened.*

- ~ *For conversion and transformation of our national and world leaders to serve God according to His Way, Life, Truth and Word.*
- ~ *May all staff, clergy, and parishioners in our Family of Parishes now work to unite in the power of the Holy Spirit to become a true family, united in love for God and each other.*
- ~ *May the domestic Church, the family, the first and primary educator of the faith, find ways this summer to grow in faith and love of our Lord.*

**We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit (Sign of the Cross). Amen.**

### A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

*Good and gracious God,  
I know that life can be unpredictable.  
Sometimes I know what is good and right,  
but I don't have the courage to do it.  
Sometimes I am so busy with my own  
affairs, I forget to see the needs of people in  
front of me. Sometimes I am set in my own  
ways, and I resist growing and learning.  
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.  
When You prompt me to do the right thing,  
give me the courage to do it. When those  
around me need my help, give me Your  
heart to love them. When I'm stuck in my  
own ways, give me the grace to grow closer  
to You every day. Give me the trust and  
confidence of Mary. Let it be done unto me  
according to Your word!  
Amen.*



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### WATCH

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### LEARN

**THE SEARCH CONTINUES: WHAT ABOUT CHURCH SCANDALS?**



In some way or another, we have all been affected by Church scandals. In this episode of *The Search Continues*, Chris Stefanick and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we are to respond to these evils. In doing so, they remind us to fight for the Church and perpetually call her members to live up to their callings.

### LISTEN

**TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri's feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri's journey to Our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Lily of the Mohawks**



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Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

**Saturday, July 10, 2021**

4:00 p.m.

† Mr. & Mrs. Stanley J. Pasko  
by Son Robert

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

8:00 a.m.

† Talon Dawson

10:00 a.m.

† Sue Augustyn by Family  
† Fred Samrah by Family

**Monday, July 12, 2021**

9:00 a.m.

† Mark Pilarski  
† George Perrout  
† Lou Mahoney by  
Elizabeth Mahoney

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

NO MASS

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

9:00 a.m.

† Andrew Serocki by Family

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

NO MASS

**Friday, July 16, 2021**

9:00 a.m.

† Orleta Cairo

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

4:00 p.m.

† Rita Pederson  
† Jack Salter

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

8:00 a.m.

† Richard Martus

10:00 a.m.

† Bill Brown  
† Louis Duhamel  
by Camille Manion  
† Fred Samrah by Family



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Diane Hurd	Nick Rennels	Christine Agosta
Richard Booms	Jim Clem	Larry Stacer

**Scripture Readings  
for the Week**



**Sunday, July 11:**

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,  
13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk  
6:7-13

**Monday, July 12:**

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8  
[8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday, July 13:**

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34  
[cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday, July 14:**

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7  
[8a]/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday, July 15:**

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-  
25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday, July 16:**

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15  
and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday, July 17:**

Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-  
12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday, July 18:**

Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/  
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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IN THE SERVICE**

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**HOLINESS GROWS  
SO FAST WHERE  
THERE IS KINDNESS.**  
—ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Liturgy Schedule		
July 10-11, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Susan Kuzak	Mary Tavernit Mary Lynn Foster
Sunday, 8:00 am Mass	Randy Shetterley Sandy Stacer	TBA
Sunday 10:00 am Mass	Gena Galicia Pete Keating	Dennis O'Meara Mary Lee Pascual
July 17-18, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kitty Vigneau	TBA
Sunday, 8:00 am Mass	Joe Veryser	TBA
Sunday 10:00 am Mass	Mary Lee Pascual Sean Sylvester	TBA



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