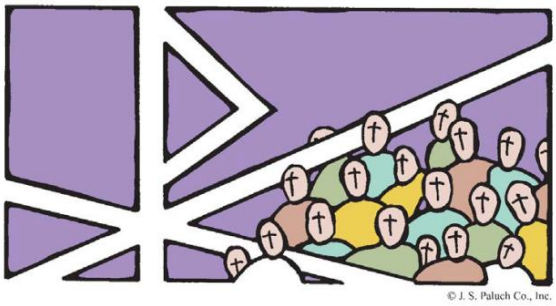
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. — *Colossians 1:28b*

A MINDSET OF SERVICE

There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, How am I present to God and others in my life?

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Our readings pair up the story of Jesus coming to dine at Martha and Mary's house with God coming to dine with Abraham and Sarah. And just as Abraham turned to Sarah for help in preparing the meal, Martha turns to her sister for a hand. After all, why should one person bear the burden of serving the Lord?

But Mary does not come into the kitchen, even after hearing her sister banging things around in there, perhaps a little more loudly than usual. Instead, she stays sitting at the foot of the Lord, listening to him. Martha, not one to keep her thoughts to herself, addresses directly the cause of her sister's prolonged delay: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" (Luke 10:40).

As a matter of fact, Jesus didn't care. What he did care about was that Martha was all "anxious and worried about many things"(10:41). Jesus did not care about busy Martha but about worried and anxious Martha. Even more simply, what he cared about was Martha. Not the meal, not the table, not the time they ate, or whatever else was bothering her. He just cared about Martha—and Mary, too, of course. But he didn't have to worry as much about Mary.

Perhaps we could consider this simply a story about Jesus visiting two very dear friends and wanting some time with them both, together. And if that was true then, why wouldn't it be true now? If you find yourself worried and anxious these days, give yourself some time with the Lord.

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18, Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; 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:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Living God's Word - We can pray that we find that balance between serving the Lord in our brothers and sisters and spending time in the presence of the Lord, both as members of the community of believers and as individuals whom Jesus loves very much.

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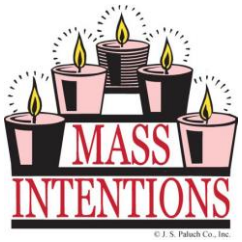


Saturday, July 19th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Ruben Gutierrez

Sunday, July 20th - *IHM
***8:00AM –** En acción de gracias por el cumpleaño de Christian Villa; +Rodrigo DeLoera
9:30AM - HF- For the People of Nolan County
***11:00AM –** +Esteban & Juanita Torrez; Amado & Sapopa Lopez

Tuesday, July 22nd 9:00AM - HF
Communion Service

Wednesday, July 23rd 6:00PM–IHM
Communion Service

Thursday, July 24th 9:00AM - HF
Communion Service

Friday, July 25th 9:00AM - HF
Communion Service

Saturday, July 26th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Daniel Grimaldo; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez

Sunday, July 27th -
8:00AM – En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Refugio Gonzalez y Bruce Kelly; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; +Rafael y Concha Acevedo
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

"JAMAICA 2025" -- September 28th
Get your RAFFLE TICKETS after Mass

● **CORRECTION . . .** If you sell 100 Tickets, your name will be entered in a drawing for a **CHANCE** to win a

NINTENDO SWITCH 2

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 26 – Finance **August 2 - Misioneros**

COMMUNION SERVICES Tuesday – Friday this coming week. Fr. Josh will be gone. Prayers for his safety.

WEDNESDAY – Communion Service at 6:00pm followed by Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, July 21st, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO will meet Thursday in the hall @7:00pm.

¡ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzo en abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. Las clases son los miercoles, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista es Victor Rubio Jr. (Mas informacion, llame a la oficina.)

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, July 20th at 4:00pm Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP will be taking school supply donations for the month of July for kids in our area in need. **We need:**

Pencils, Wide ruled paper, Pens, Bottled Glue, Glue sticks, Crayola 24, Map colors, Playdough, Backpacks, Kleenex, School box, and Wired Headphones.

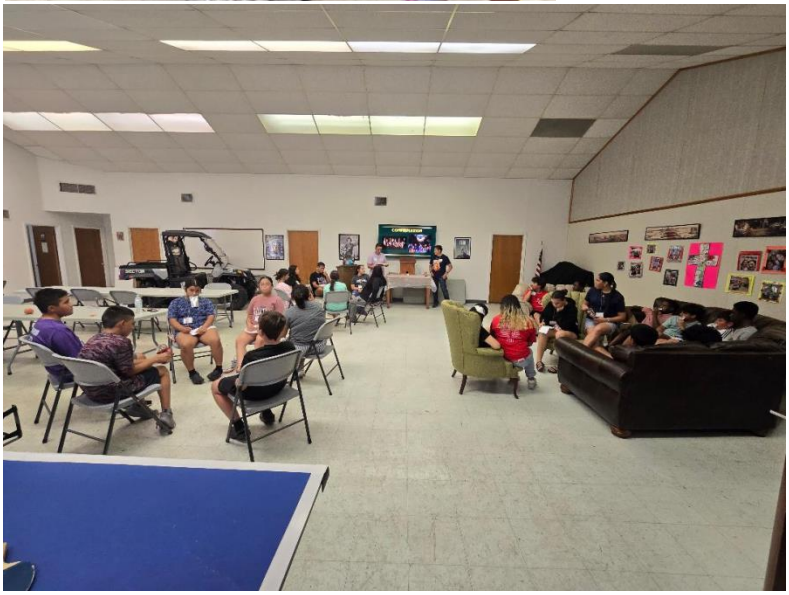
Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

July 12/13, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3965.00
LOOSE PLATE……1128.00
JULY 4 FLOOD……1267.25
SAN PEDRO SULAS ……534.10
TOTAL COLLECTION……..$6894.35

Thank you for your generosity

COED SOFTBALL – Coed Softball Church League is just around the corner. This is for anyone interested in playing, male and female, from the ages of 14 years old and older. No experience required. If you are interested in playing, there will be practice at Jones Park this Sunday, July 20th, at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Deacon David Mendez @325-725-6333.

HOLY SPIRIT VBS 2025
AMAZING GRACE - THE 7 SACRAMENTS

VBS 2025 was a great success! We had 40 elementary children and 25 Teens in attendance. Thank you to our leaders, Brenda Valdez, Martin Luna, Victor Rubio, Sandy Gallegos, and Aaron Dehoyos for organizing the program for our children. Thank you Brenda & Family for the beautiful stain glass art work displaying the 7 Sacraments in the parish hall! To all catechists, volunteers, and all who provided snack donations, we are very grateful. Thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to teach our children their faith. We appreciate everyone who made this week a most fruitful, memorable, and fun week. God's Blessings to all!