

Saint Mary's Catholic Church



July 22nd, 2018 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: pgs. 491-494

Ordinary of the Mass: pg. 850 Kyriale Simplex Mass I (8am); pg. 879 Missa Orbis Factor (5pm and 11am)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas: pg. 1000

Entrance Antiphon: *See, I have God for my help...* (pg. 940 #126)

Entrance Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #88

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Creed: Credo I (only sung at 11am) pg. 896

Offertory Hymn: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy #114

Communio: *The bread that I will give..* (pg. 953 #170)

Communion Hymn: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #108

Marian Antiphon: Salve Regina #124

Recessional Hymn: Be Thou My Vision #123

Saturday July 21st St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(Wanda LeMay+)**
6:00pm - K of C Officers Installation & Dinner (FH)

Sunday July 22nd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - **(Andrew Lowry)**
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass~ **(Brad Swarm)**
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(St. Mary Parishioners)**

Monday July 23rd Saint Bridget, Religious

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - **(Rev. Ambrose Karels+)**

Tuesday July 24th Saint Sharbel Makhluaf, Priest

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - **(Healing of all the Sick)** Adoration After Noon
5:30 pm - Vespers (C) Mass today until 6:00pm
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30pm - Scouts

Wednesday July 25th

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ Ex. Form~ **(T.J. Rende)**
5:30pm - Vespers (C)
***Adoration will begin after noon Mass today
through Thursday evening at 6:00pm .

Thursday July 26th Saints Joachim & Anne

10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - **(Toni & Eliot Michael)**
5:30pm - Vespers (C)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

Friday July 27th St. Camillus de Lellis

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass~ Ex. Form - **(Jim Altman)**

Saturday July 28th St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(Members of the Knights of Columbus)**
6:00pm - Ladies Bunco Night (FH)

Sunday July 29th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - **(Sharon Cureton)**
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass~ **(Velia Marie Tebeck)**
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(St. Mary Parishioners)**

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St. Mary's Outreach Agency:

Food, Clothing and Prescription

Medication Assistance

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm (816)252-8649

(Please call for an appointment)

*Donations of food & clothing may be
brought to the Ministry Center
(Monday - Thursday)

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and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Patty Rittel, Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen,
Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett,
Mary Pappas, Rick Gard, Jim Rittel, Anthony
Rizzi, Bob Trusty, Patty Vasquez, KE Hun Ngo,
Tammy Ribby, Bob DeSchepper, Frances
Gabbard, David Brice**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:**

SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright,
Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB,
Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendelton, CA
(Grandson of Marilyn Pontalio)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)
Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC
(Grandson of Jean Wilcox)

**July 21 & 22, 2018
4th Week**

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - A Holloway, A
Rincon
11:00am - A Talato,
N Smith, E Diamond

Lectors:

5:00pm - S. Leete
8:00am - J. Richter
11:00am - D. Gilbert

**July 28 & 29 2018
5th Week**

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - T & T Spooner,
11:00am - N. Smith, A
Talato, E Diamond

Lectors:

5:00pm - T. Douglas
8:00am - C. Vlasin
11:00am - E. Ball

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Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

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

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17,
21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
[8a]/Mt 12:46-50

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

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.
10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11
[2]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11,
15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Second Collection Today

**Sr. Andrea Kantner, a member of the
Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy
Eucharist in Independence, MO, will be
giving a Mission Appeal at the Masses
this weekend. The donations will be used
in the Diocese of Cruzeiro do Sul and the
Parish in Rodrigues Alves, located in the
Amazon rain forest in the state of Acre,
Brazil for the medical and nutritional
needs of expectant mothers and pre-
school children, a program for children
and youth with special needs and a
project helping mothers to develop a
marketable skill by offering sewing
courses as well as after school
instruction and care.**

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

July 25th is the 50th Anniversary of the publication of the Encyclical of Pope Paul VI *Humanae Vitae*. The following article by Mary Eberstadt clearly shows why the document is so relevant for us today. It is taken from the July 2018 issue of *Columbia*, the magazine of the Knights of Columbus.

It is no exaggeration to say that *Humanae Vitae* was — and remains — one of the most globally rejected documents of the modern age. In reiterating 2,000 years of Church teaching about human life, including the proscription against artificial contraception, the encyclical confronted a world where many men and women had already embraced “the pill,” which had been approved by the FDA eight years earlier. Yet to contemplate the Church’s “controversial” stand on birth control 50 years after *Humanae Vitae*’s publication is to encounter a great irony. The document’s signature predictions have been vindicated as few predictions ever are: in ways that its author, Pope Paul VI, could not possibly have foreseen, including by information that did not exist when the document was written and by scholars and others with no interest whatsoever in its teaching.

Consider *Humanae Vitae*’s specific apprehensions about what the world would look like if artificial contraception became widespread. Articulated in section 17 of the document, these include a “general lowering of moral standards” and a loss of respect for women.

Fifty years later, pornography is ubiquitous; divorce, cohabitation, and fatherless homes are too; and the public square at this very moment is convulsed with sex scandals involving one prominent man after another — all of whom fell from grace because they took the sexual availability of women for granted. What is the #MeToo movement but proof that contraception has emboldened predatory men?

It is also plain that the predicted “lowering of moral standards” would come to include disrespect not only for women but for the human fetus, too. Legal reasoning justifying freedom to contracept would go on to be used as justification for freedom to abort, most notably in the United States. It was only eight short years from *Griswold v. Connecticut* to *Roe v. Wade* — and the logic used to justify abortion on demand depended entirely on the “right to privacy” established earlier regarding contraception.

History also connects the causal dots between contraception and abortion in another way. The push to liberalize abortion laws in countries around the world did not begin until the first third of the 20th century, as birth control devices came into wider circulation. The United States and most other countries did not start liberalizing abortion laws until the sexual revolution was underway. *Roe v. Wade* comes after the pill, not before. The mass use of contraception has plainly called forth the demand for more abortion, the worst “lowering” of standards of all.

In addition, *Humanae Vitae* warned of “the danger of this power [contraception] passing into the hands of public authorities.” This is exactly what happened subsequently in China via its long-standing, barbaric “one-child policy” between 1979 and 2016, replete with forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.

Another example is the Indian government’s foray into coercive use of contraception in 1976 and 1977. A softer kind of coercion has also appeared in Western nations. In the 1990s and beyond, for example, some U.S. judges backed state-imposed implantation of long-term contraceptives for women convicted of crimes. Another proof of the encyclical’s prescience could not have been foreseen 50 years ago, though it is well-documented in social science today. That is the explosion of “loneliness studies” in all the advanced nations — empirical studies showing how the shrinkage of the family has led to epidemic isolation and loss of human contact, especially among the elderly. Without doubt, what unites these tragic portraits is what *Humanae Vitae* so prophetically resisted: the sexual revolution which has been operating at full throttle in Western nations for half a century now — driving up divorce rates, driving down marriage rates and emptying cradles.

Many well-intentioned people, including many Catholics, have joined the contraceptive culture with the idea that their decisions are merely private. But with every passing year, perfectly secular social science shows the massive and deleterious public consequences of the sexual revolution itself. Rejected though it may be by many, *Humanae Vitae* and its uncanny warnings are the single best explanatory model of our contemporary landscape. And the teachings that it affirms remain, in the words of the document’s prophetic author, “a sign of contradiction” (cf. Lk 2:34) and a path to creating “a truly human civilization”.

MARY EBERSTADT is a senior fellow at the Faith and Reason Institute in Washington, D.C., and author of several books, including *Adam and Eve After the Pill: Paradoxes of the Sexual Revolution* (Ignatius, 2013).



A donation for this week's altar flowers has been made in honor of The Holy Souls in Purgatory

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FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Humanae Vitae 50 Years Later-History of Dissent and Defense: Janet Smith, Ph.D., a seminary professor and internationally-known author and speaker, provides important context for why *Humanae Vitae* is considered the most controversial, and one of the most important, encyclicals promulgated by the Church in modern times. She discusses how this document written by Blessed Pope Paul VI served to prophetically warn the world of the dire consequences associated with artificial contraception and faithfully witness to the beauty of God's plan for sex within marriage.

Please visit our CD kiosk at the front of the church. We have many great topics on CD about the Catholic faith. We ask for a nominal donation of \$3 for each CD.

BLUE SPRINGS CITY THEATRE PRESENTS "HELLO, DOLLY!"

The Blue Springs City Theatre will present its annual summer production with **"Hello, Dolly!,"** Performances will be held in the Blue Springs Civic Center at Blue Springs High School on **July 21, 27, and 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. and on July 22 and 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** The Civic Center is located at 2000 NW Ashton Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Tickets are available in advance online at www.bluespringstheatre.com. Or tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10. Hello, Dolly! is a 1964 musical with lyrics and music by [Jerry Herman](#) and a book by [Michael Stewart](#).

Included in the Ensemble is St. Mary's parishioner, **Sharon Propst**. Come out for an evening or afternoon of lively entertainment, you'll be glad you did!



On the weekend of July 28th–29th, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our Parish to share their vocation of mercy to the elderly.

The Jeanne Jugan Center in Kansas City, Missouri, is one of 180 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Although 100% of the Residents receive Medicaid assistance, Medicaid currently covers less than 60% of the cost of caring for the Residents in a manner that makes them happy and respects their dignity. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of Greater Kansas City elders for over 135 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest elderly of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!

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July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

