July 29th 2018 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** pgs. 502-505

**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:** God is in this holy place... (pg. 940 #127)

**Entrance Hymn:** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #118

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

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

**Offertory Hymn:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #44

**Communion:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**Communion Hymn:** Panis Angelicus #116

**Marian Antiphon:** Salve Regina #124 / Recessional Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God #96
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)

Monday July 30th  St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Douglas Britt+)

Tuesday July 31st  St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Toni & Eliot Michael) Adoration After Noon
5:30 pm - Vespers (C)
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30pm - Scouts

Wednesday August 1st
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - Ex. Form - (Hailey Hinrich)
5:30 pm - Vespers (C) ***Adoration will begin after noon Mass today
through Thursday evening at 6:00pm.

Thursday August 2nd  St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Ann Francke)
5:30pm - Vespers (C)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

Friday August 3rd
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - Ex. Form - (Robert Barrett Sr.+)

Saturday August 4th  St. John Vianney, Priest
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Jim & Wanda LeMay+)

Sunday August 5th  Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Linda McDermott+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Stanley Bukaty+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Pete Madrid+)
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.
Dear Parishioners of St. Mary’s

As a way of saying good-bye on my last official weekend in which I am assigned to St. Mary’s, I decided to write the article for the bulletin. Shortly after I arrived to St. Mary’s in the third week of May, I made a pilgrimage to Mexico City with the Bishop, the Vocations Director, the transitional deacons, and about half of our seminarians. The purpose of the seminarians’ annual pilgrimage is two-fold. Firstly, we seek to grow in the virtue of Faith by stepping outside of our daily routine and going to a sight which has had some impact on our Catholic Faith. This could simply be a church, a place of healings, a sight of an apparition, etc. The primary place of pilgrimage in Mexico City is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The second purpose of the seminarians’ annual pilgrimage is to ask for the grace to continue discerning God’s will in regards to our particular vocation. Less than twenty feet from the image of our Lady of Guadalupe Bishop Johnston led us all in a novena of memoraries placing our prayers before the Blessed Mother. The first three were prayed for our own personal discernment. The next set of three we prayed for vocations in the diocese, (both for the priesthood and religious life), and the third set we prayed for our own personal intentions, our family, our friends, our future parishioners, particular individuals we knew who were discerning, and of course each other. After this we had about 20 minutes for mental prayer in front of Our Lady before going to the sacristy to prepare for Holy Mass in the Basilica.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is really quite remarkable! There are at least fifteen signs on the image of Our Lady that make no sense to most Americans! I would like to take a moment to write about three of these since she is the patroness of the Americas. But, first let me take a moment to write about the culture in which the Blessed Virgin appeared to Juan Diego so that we may have a better context to understand.

The culture that the Blessed Virgin appeared to was one that had much conflict. There were the Native Americans and the Hispanics, neither of whom shared a common culture, belief, history, or even language. The two cultures were utterly irreconcilable and did not understand each other. Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego, a humble poor man. After impressing her image in his Tilma filled with flowers, Our Lady brought about the conversion of the indigenous people. Her message was one of great comfort to the poor and downtrodden, and to those struggling with anxiety and concern. She said, “Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the Fountain of Life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, the crossing of my arms?”

**The eyes**- The gaze of Our Lady at first seems odd! Is Mary turning away from us? Of course not! In the indigenous culture that she appeared to looking directly at the face was confrontational and offensive. Here our Lady is directing her gaze slightly to the side which is a sign of reverence and respect.

**Signs of a Virgin Mother** - The hair is one of the signs that taught the indigenous people that our Lady was a Virgin mother. In this culture braided hair meant that one was married whereas straightened hair indicated that she was indeed a maiden. The black bands tied on her waist indicated her pregnancy as this was customarily worn as a girdle to keep the womb free.

**A twofold posture of prayer**- Our Lady has two postures of prayer in this one image, once again informing both the Spanish and Native cultures. Her hands are folded in a western way of praying. Her flexed knee, in accord with her gaze reflect an indigenous dance which was their way of praying.

All in all this image is full of many wonderful signs that we can ponder in prayer! I hope you will be able to spend a few moments in prayer before our large reproduction of the image in the adoration chapel sometime in the near future. Perhaps you could spend some time praying for those who have fallen away from the Church and the ordinary means of grace, that is the Sacraments. Ask Our Lady to bring your friends and family to her son. You could ask our Lady to bring about the conversion of Independence, the Diocese, and the Americas. Maybe, ask Our Lady to lead her priests and seminarians in the way of Holiness.

We keep the Labor Mariae sisters in our prayers. The Sisters are currently making a pilgrimage to a shrine devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lacrosse, Wisconsin at this time!
2018-2019 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Registration is Open!

All Children ages 3 - 4 (or those who will turn 3 by Nov. 30, 2018) are invited to attend the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium. The CGS Atrium is arranged especially for small children and is a place where they can come to learn about Jesus and to pray. The program is based on Montessori educational principals and provides "hands-on" methods of learning. For example, the children can work with a small altar, tabernacle, and sacristy cabinet, all built to resemble those in St. Mary’s, and just their size! CGS sessions are conducted by the Labor Mariae Sisters and will take place on Tuesdays, from 10:15 a.m. -- 11:45 a.m. starting September 18th and running through the end of April, 2019. Registration forms are available near the entrances to the church or you may register online. If you would like a tour of the atrium or have questions, please contact Sister Joanna Marie, L.M., by emailing: filiaealaborismariae@gmail.com or calling 415-310-7598.

Thank you all for making my summer parish assignment such a joyful time here at St. Mary’s Parish. I ask your prayers for my continual discernment and formation to the Holy Priesthood. You will continue to be in my prayers. As I mentioned in the last article, feel free to email me at: benjaminarmentrout@kenrick.edu.

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In the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Ben Armentrout

St. Mary’s Gift Shop
(located in the South Vestibule)

Featured Item of the week:
A Single-column bible with wide margins for note taking. Hard cover. Publishers price $49.95 Introductory price (while sale lasts) $37.50

Parish Feast Day Dinner

Make plans now to join fellow parishioners in celebrating our feast day.
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 15th, Holy Mass @ 6:00pm (The usual noon Mass will also be offered)
The evening Mass will be followed by a parish dinner in Fitzgerald Hall. Parishioners are asked to please bring a covered dish to share (fruit, veggie, salad or dessert)
The parish will provide the meat and beverages. If you and your family plan to attend, please sign up at the church doors so that we may plan accordingly. Thank you!

Light & Life
A Retreat for Married Couples
September 6th - 9th, 2018
Conception Abbey
37174 State Hwy. VV
Conception, Mo. 64433

Couples are invited to take advantage of this simple, beautiful gift of formation, accountability, and true organic growth in love and faith within their Sacrament, building and strengthening the foundations of the Domestic Church. For more information or to register, please contact the Office of the Domestic Church and Discipleship @ 816-71-2373 or www.kcsjfamily.org/light-life (Pamphlets are available at the church doors)