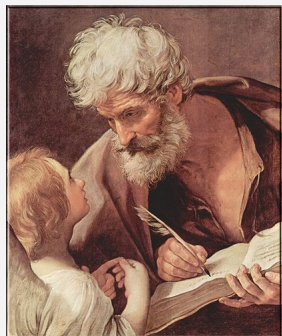


**Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
**15th Sunday After Pentecost**



**Sun. 17 Sept. 15th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**

8:00 am †Ruth Rodgers  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm †James DiCarlo  
 6:00 pm Dee McDonough

**Mon 18 Sept. St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 12:15 pm Joseph Michael Jaeger

**Tues. 19 Sept. St. Januarius & Companions, Martyrs, III Class**

7:00 am Barbara Cogan  
 6:30 pm Our Country

**Wed. 20 Sept. Ember Wednesday, II Class**

7:00 am Personal Intention  
 12:15 pm Ramon Daley

**Thurs. 21 Sept. St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, II Class**

7:00 am Susan Crowder  
 6:30 pm Elizabeth Nicolini

**Fri. 22 Sept. Ember Friday, II Class**

7:00 am †Michael McGrath  
 12:15 pm †Michael McGrath  
 6:30 pm Helen DiCarlo

**Sat. 23 Sept. Ember Saturday, II Class**

7:00 am †Mary Bordigon  
 9:00 am †Sarah Vierra

**Sun. 24 Sept. 16th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**

8:00 am †Mike McGrath  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Conversion of People who Work in the Media  
 6:00 pm In Thanksgiving for Oona Rose

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopf, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
 †Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
 †Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
 †Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath,  
 †Sarah Vierra, †Mary Daley, †James Greenwell,  
 †Josef Schuchmann, †Paulette Brady, †Felipa Lopez,  
 †Jorge Munoz, †William J. Foy, †Patricia Becker,

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Sept. 20—Men’s Holy League  
 Sept. 20—Knights of Columbus  
 Sept. 29—Feast of St. Michael—Solemn evening Mass  
 Oct. 7—Our Lady of the Rosary  
 Oct. 7—Girls Groups meet  
 Oct. 13—Fatima Procession  
 Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of Fraternity of St. Peter  
 Oct. 29—Feast of Christ the King

**Jesus Our Life**

In the Mass of today there is a dominant thought, so often repeated in the liturgy and so dear to our hearts: Jesus is our life. Whatever good there is in us is the fruit of His grace, by which we remain steadfast in good (*Collect*) and live in the Spirit (*Ep*); by His grace we rise from sin (*Gosp*), and eating His flesh, we nourish His life within us (*Communion*). Without Jesus we would abide in death; without Him we could never live the glorious life of the Spirit described by St. Paul in today’s Epistle (*Gal 5,25.26—6, 1—10*).

It would be well to glean a few thoughts from this. “Let us not be made desirous of vainglory, provoking one another. For if any man think himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.” True humility is presented here as the basis of fraternal charity; anyone who is proud carries about with him a hotbed of discord for, preferring himself to others, he will often be provocative, envious, haughty, and disdainful of those whom he considers his inferiors.

“If a man be overtaken in any fault, you, who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness.” One who wishes to scale the heights must never be critical of him whose way is not so high, nor be scandalized at the faults of another. If duty requires us to admonish anyone, we should do so with sweetness and kindness. This sweetness is another fruit of humility, because when we correct others, we should always take heed to ourselves: “lest thou also be tempted.”

“And in doing good, let us not fail; for in due time we shall reap, not failing.” We must not allow ourselves to be discouraged by difficulties in the spiritual life, even when we do not succeed in overcoming them. God does not ask us to succeed but to continually renew our efforts, although the results may not be apparent. “In due time,” that is, when God wills and in the way that pleases Him, we shall reap the fruit, provided we “fail not.”

The thought that Jesus is *our Life* shines forth even more in the Gospel (*Lk 7, 11—16*). The Master meets the sad funeral procession of a young man. His mother is walking beside the bier, weeping. “And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her: Weep not. And He came near and touched the bier... And He said: Young man, I say to thee, arise... And He gave him to his mother.” Jesus is our Savior who sympathizes with us in our trials and uses His divine omnipotence to alleviate them. Today we see Him work a miracle in order to console a widowed mother; He restores her dead son to life. This was an expression of the delicacy of His love for us; but how many others, less visible perhaps but no less full of love and life, have surged from His heart!

(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

**From the Pastor**

Following the Second Vatican Council, emphasis in the Church shifted from the sacrificial aspect of the Mass to the meal aspect. The effect of this change was to give to some the impression that the primary reason one goes to Mass is to receive Holy Communion. They reasoned that if it’s not possible to receive Holy Communion, then there’s no reason to go to Mass. This reasoning is false, but it’s not too difficult to see how they arrived at this conclusion. Objectively, the highpoint of the Mass is the consecration – the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. In that moment, the sacrifice Our Lord offered on Calvary becomes present on our altar. The graces that Our Lord won for us on Calvary are then distributed to those present and, to a lesser extent, to the entire world. As good as receiving Holy Communion is, the Church does not oblige us to receive It but once a year (she does, of course, encourage us to receive often, even daily). We are, however, obliged (under penalty of grave sin) to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of the year. Understanding and appreciating the sacrificial aspect of the Mass is key to having a true love for the Mass. Our Lady of the Eucharist, pray for us.

**St. Joseph Cupertino**

St. Joseph was born in 1603 at Cupertino, in the diocese of Nardo in the Kingdom of Naples. After spending his childhood and adolescence in simplicity and innocence, he finally joined the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he gave himself up entirely to a life of devotion to the Lord and his church. His deep devotional life led him to the kind of holiness which is forged through humility, voluntary mortification, and obedience. He was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted devotion to her among all classes of people as wonderful path to a deeper Christian life and love for Jesus Christ.

**Fr. Savoie’s Bible Study Class**  
**Thursdays—September 7, 14, 21, 28**

**The Exile of a Beloved Son**  
*The Joseph Narrative*  
*Genesis 37—50*

**2nd Collection Next Week**

There will be a 2nd collection next week for the Diocesan Priest’s Retirement Fund.

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

**Knights of Columbus & Men’s Holy League**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 20th**

Brother Knights, please come to the Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in one of the classrooms.

Also on this Wednesday, the Men’s Holy League will meet for a Holy Hour at 7:00 pm followed by a talk by one of the priests and fellowship. All men are invited!

**Catholica Summer Program**

The 2018 sessions feature daily Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, classes in Church History, Latin and Apologetics, tours throughout the city of Rome, day trips throughout Italy, lots of sports, hiking and swimming, music and camaraderie, and much, much more.

In 2018 we’re also offering a program for young women, Bella Vita Summer Program! Bella Vita is a three-week program in Italy for girls ages 14—17 that features daily Mass, classes in Art History, Italian language and cooking, a weekend excursion to Florence, day trips throughout Italy and so much more.

All pertinent information can be found at [www.prorome.com](http://www.prorome.com) or simply by calling me directly at 570-309-1346.

Joe Long  
 Director, ProRome

**Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

**Priest:** Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.  
**All:** O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.  
**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.  
**All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:  
**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.  
*(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)*

**Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.  
 (Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
10:30 a.m. High Mass  
1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**Knights of Columbus:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 pm

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

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