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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JULY 9 – JULY 10)

Donation	\$4,164.00
Donation Online	\$2,735.00
Maintenance Fund	\$105.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$7004.00

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL
\$24,876, Gifts Received \$27,477.50



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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time – C

Homily by Father Peter Doan

On this sixteenth Sunday of ordinary time we welcome Christ our friend and guest. Today, the church reminds of the importance of hospitality. It is a Christian virtue and our duty towards others. She also reminds us of the need to pay attention to Christ our Guest. Most importantly, we are advised not to pay more attention to material things than we do to spiritual things.

In the first reading, Abraham displayed his hospitality by receiving and welcoming strangers in his house. Fortunately for him, the strangers were messengers from God. Not only did he welcome them under his roof, he took extreme care of their material needs. He equally paid attention to their message and instruction. Hence, through his hospitality, he expressed his spirituality. For this, God decided to reward and bless his household.

However, we must be careful not to interpret this episode as strictly transactional. That is to say that: God promised Abraham a child because he was generous to Him. Or, that God is only good to us because we are good to Him. In as much as God wants us to be hospitable, His love and blessings for us is unconditional and unmatched.

Sure, God may decide to reward us for doing some good, but He is not gracious to us just because of what we do for him, or because of what we offer him. So, we have to be good and hospitable because it is right and just, and not just because we are expecting a reward from God or anyone else.

Today's gospel presents us a little challenge. This challenge lies in Jesus' response to Martha: "*You worry about so many things, and yet, few are needed. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.*" There is a strong tendency to think that Christ was against taking care of the material needs of our guests.

However, it is simply a call to set our priorities right. Perhaps, Jesus felt that it was not enough for Martha to welcome him to her house. Maybe, she should have first paid more attention to His message before any other thing. A very important part of hospitality is paying attention to people. At times, what people need for from us are not just material things, but our attention.

Today, it is obvious that most Christians have misplaced their priorities in life. This is in spite of the fact that we labor much in the house of God. There is the saying that: "One has time for the work of God, but no time for God the owner of the work." Many of us are so distracted today with too many social and material activities (both in the church and in our homes), that we hardly have time for any spiritual reflection.

In some of our families, we pay attention to every other thing, but little or no attention to the spiritual growth of the members of our families. We have time for social activities, but little or no time for praying together or studying the word of God together.

We need to cement our relationship with Christ, by seating close to him as a family, by paying attention to what he has to say to us. Christ needs our attention because he has something new to teach us every day. He wants to spend some quality time with us each day. So, we must not allow anything to prevent us from welcoming him, or to take away our attention from his presence. He wants us to live in his presence all the time. Hence, the psalmist reminds us today that: "*The just will live in the presence of the Lord!*"

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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

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

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

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

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Wednesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Mary Magdalene

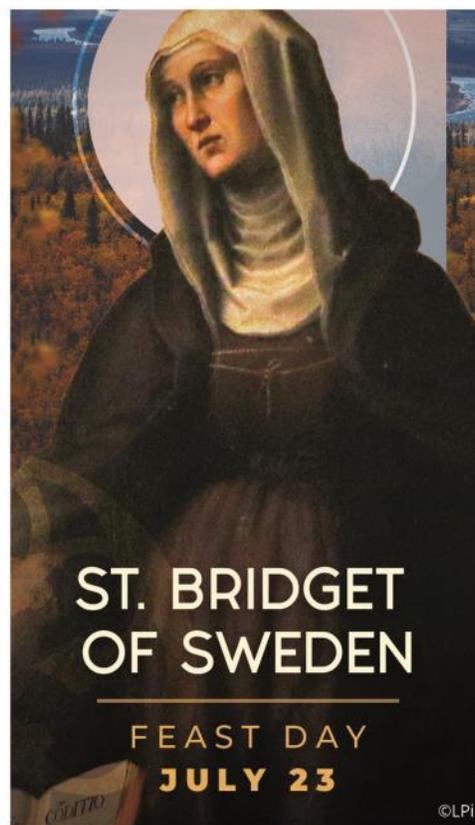
Saturday: St. Bridget, Religious

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and life-giving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.