

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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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

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JULY 15TH - JULY 16TH)

Donation	\$3,981.00
Donation Online	\$1,175.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,186.00

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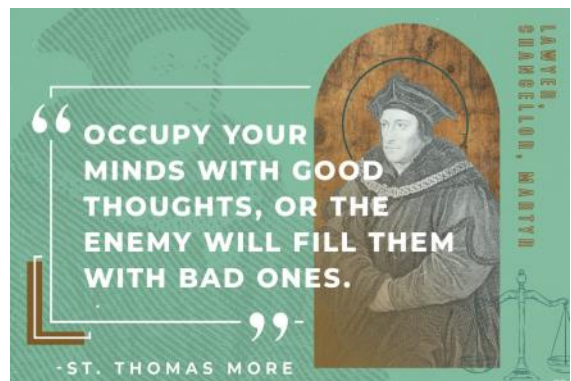
#### Everyday Stewardship

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended.

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Homily by Father Joseph Vu**

**God Is All-Powerful (And It Matters)**

One surprising thing about the parable of the weeds and the wheat is the calm, patient reaction of the landowner. This was a wealthy and powerful man - only wealthy and powerful people owned multiple slaves.

How do wealthy and powerful people usually react to enemies who try to interfere with their business?

Not with such calm and patience, but with quick revenge.

So why was this landowner able to take this attack in stride?

And we should not be naive - this was a serious attack.

- It will cause the landowner more than four times the normal amount of investment to bring in the harvest.
- They will have to harvest twice the weight as normal.
- Then they will have to disassemble the harvested bundles in order to re-assemble two separate sets of bundles.
- This was a smart and efficient enemy!

The landowner is able to stay calm and patient because he represents God, the landowner of the world.

- And God isn't just wealthy and powerful; God is all-powerful.
- And when you are all-powerful, no attack of evil can really bother you.
- As the First Reading puts it, "your [God's] mastery over all things makes you lenient to all... for power, whenever you will, attends you."
- He will use even the evil actions of his enemies to build up his Kingdom - omnipotence is like that.
- An omnipotent God can afford to be merciful, because in the end, he will be able to put all things right.

If we thought about this characteristic of God more often and more deeply, it would make a difference in our life. We would be more like the farmer in the parable, able to remain calm and patient in the face of life's troubles and injustices.

Our God is all-powerful, and it matters.



**Throwing Our Sticks in the Fire**

God's mercy is all-powerful.

This is not only a pleasant thought; it is also a practical thought.

- Each one of us suffers from the consequences of our fallen human nature.
- In this fallen world, all of us are wounded by the sins of other people, sometimes in obvious ways, and sometimes in hidden ways.
- In this fallen world, all of us cause wounds - both to ourselves and to other people - through our own weakness, selfishness, and sinfulness.
- In the depth of our hearts, we know just how deep those wounds go.

So when we take time to think, to reflect on the state of our souls and the state of the world, we can easily be discouraged.

The wounds, the damage, the sin, the weakness - our misery is so deep and pervasive that fixing it is beyond our natural ability.

But we don't have to depend on our natural ability.

- God comes to our aid.
- God sends us his saving grace.
- It is God whose Spirit is at work in our hearts, as St Paul reminded us in today's Second Reading, renewing, healing, cleansing, and sanctifying us.
- God is all-powerful: there is no limit to his forgiveness and mercy - no limit to his ability to give us a fresh start, to turn failure into success, to turn crucifixion into resurrection.
- Our Lord told St Faustina that compared to his all-powerful love, all her sins and misery were like a little stick being thrown into a blazing furnace.

Today Jesus will renew that all-powerful love for each of us in the sacrifice of this Mass.

When he does, let's throw all our sticks into the fire, and let him be our God.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds,  
that those who are just must be kind;  
and you gave your children good ground for hope  
that you would permit repentance for their sins.  
(Wis 12:19)

### Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

### Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible  
groanings. (Rom 8:26)

### Gospel:

“Let them grow together until harvest;  
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,  
‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for  
burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Mt 13:30)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

## Observances for the week of July 23, 2023

**Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
**Tuesday:** St. James, Apostle  
**Wednesday:** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Saturday:** Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
**Next Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Blessed Stanley Francis Rother spent most of his priestly life serving the Tz'utujil people of Southwest Guatemala, whom he loved. He was shot and killed by non-native guerilla forces in their attempt to terrorize the community. He is the first U.S.-born beatified martyr.

## Prayer

O God, fount of all holiness, make us each walk worthily in our vocation, through the intercession of Your Saints, on whom You bestowed a great variety of graces on earth.

Having graced Your Church with the life of Your priest and martyr, Blessed Stanley Rother, grant that by his intercession this humble flock may reach where the brave shepherd has gone. Grant that Your Church may proclaim him a saint living in Your presence and interceding for us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

(Prayer Source: <https://archokc.org/prayers-for-blessed-stanley-rother>)