



JULY 26TH, 2026 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:00am (English),
2:00pm (Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:00am
Tuesday | 8:00am
Wednesday | 6:00pm (Español)
Thursday | 8:00am
Friday | 6:00pm

Confession

Saturday | 8:30am - 9:30am
Other | By Appointment

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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PARISH CLERGY

Pastor Fr. Chris Axline

Parochial Vicar Fr. Johnson Vadakkumcherry

Deacon Francis Staab

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: “I can’t tell you for sure.” I guess I didn’t realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn’t, and it’s completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It’s so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It’s less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).

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STEWARDSHIP

July 19th Attendance: 718

Weekly Collection	\$ 7,777.69
Online Giving	\$ 772.57
Building Fund	\$ 384.00
Weekly Total	\$ 1,934.26

June 2026

Monthly Collection	\$ 43,541.68
Monthly Expenses.....	\$ 39,598.72
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St. Mary Women's Fellowship

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Our upcoming Fall Study program:

"Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer,"

an 8-session study that teaches the essential steps of a faithful and fruitful prayer life.

You will pray with Scripture, listen for God's voice in daily life, overcome distractions, and learn to build a consistent prayer life.

Ordering workbooks: This year we will order as a group to save on the shipping cost. The more workbooks ordered the more discount we all receive. For more information, please email Rina by August 8th: caterinar1986@gmail.com

First meeting:

Tuesday, Sept 08 @6:00-7:30pm/Parish Center Library

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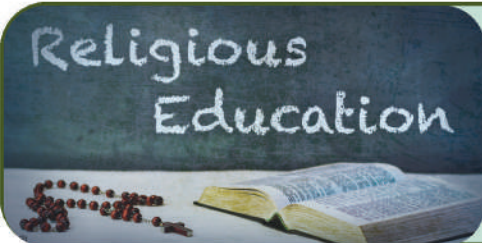
Sessions will meet weekly at the Parish Center. To be added to the roster, please email frontdesk@stmarykingman.com

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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Religious Education



Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education session has ended.

Classes will begin on Thursday, August 13th,
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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY GOSPELS

Next Saturday, July 25th

Saint James, Apostle

Mt 20:20–28

4:00pm | Walt & Sue Ryder †

Next Sunday, July 26th

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

9:00am | Pro Populo

2:00pm | Belles Living

Monday, July 27th

Weekday

Mt 13:31–35

8:00am | Fausto Lopez Jr., Sr., & Ill

Tuesday, July 28th

Weekday

Mt 13:36–43

8:00am | Cheri Kinley †

Wednesday, July 29th

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

6:00pm | Claire Chapman

Thursday, July 30th

Weekday; *Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Mt 13:47–53

8:00am | Paquito Agduyeng †

IN OUR HEARTS

Those Who Have Died

Laura Bennett

Mary Deering

James Collins

Kyle Hurley

Marie Staab

Michelle Guenther

Lois Robinson

Simon "Robby" Robinson

Mack Delmonico



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Sick Parishioners

Joey Mathews

Steffen Urban

Pam Weineister & Family

Jeff McBride

Gregory Cull

Paula Poublon

Wenerlyn Fabiana Silva Mendez



Friday, July 31st

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Mt 13:54–58

6:00pm | Freeman Akers †, Anges Akers †

Next Saturday, August 1st

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Mt 14:1–12

4:00pm | Seigworth Family †

Next Sunday, August 2nd

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 14:13–21

9:00am | Natividad Family

2:00pm | Pro Populo



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