

July 17 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Reading has clicked for my little granddaughter, and she is very proud of her new skill. One morning as we approached some railroad tracks, she startled me by shouting, “STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!” I did. Then I explained to her the dangers of shouting at the driver.

Jesus cried out such a warning sometimes. He often prefaced life-changing statements with: “Amen, amen, I say to you.” Perhaps we need something like that in the Gospel Acclamation at Mass. Because we’re about to hear something life changing. Because if we don’t pay attention we could be in danger.

As I read through the Sunday Gospel passages for this month, there are two that stand out. Perhaps because I’ve heard them so often and know them so well—or think I do—I haven’t paid close enough attention when they’re read at Mass. But today I hear them differently as I think, *Stop! Look! Listen!*

Today we hear the familiar story of Jesus’ visit at the home of his friends, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. This passage is irritating if you’re a Martha-like person trying to keep a clean house, serve a good meal, and attend to the needs of guests. Martha is all that while her little sister sits enthralled at the feet of Jesus.

Jesus responds to Martha’s complaining with the equivalent of, “*Stop your unnecessary activity, Martha! Look at what you’re missing! Listen to me now because I won’t always be with you.*”

We don’t know how Martha reacted to Jesus’ words. Many assume she felt reproved, but isn’t it just as possible that she felt a stunning sense of liberation? Perhaps she threw off her apron and said, “Move over, Mary, I want to listen, too! We’ll eat leftovers!”

Last week, we heard the equally familiar parable of the Good Samaritan. In response to the lawyer’s question, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus tells the story of the robbery victim and the people who pass him by, too busy with their own affairs to stop and help. The one who does stop is a Samaritan. We may know that loving God and neighbor is what we need to gain eternal life, but our knowledge is worth little if we do not practice what we know.

I like to think that I’d be the Samaritan, but sadly, I am a Martha-ish person. I like to stick to my agenda. I make a plan for the day, and I don’t like it when childcare plans fall through or a friend calls who needs a ride to the doctor or...whatever. When I remember, I try to treat an interruption as a message and ask, “What is it, Jesus? Show me where you are in this.” Often that’s just where I find him—in the interruptions—if I remember to *Stop! Look! Listen!*

SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 17 – Sister Shirley
July 24 – Sherry Hawk
July 31 – Harold and Virginia Reisman

MASS INTENTIONS

July 16 – Thelma Grossman
July 17 – Ron and Trudy Bauerle
July 23 – Charles Simon
July 24 – Richard Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – July 23 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
NO Eucharist Minister

Sunday – July 24 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – July 30 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke
Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – July 31 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Amy Kinker
Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert
Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2096.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 25.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 223.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2344.50
Capital Improvement	\$250.00

MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE	
Electronic Giving for June	\$1,875.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/21 - 6/30/22)	\$190,820.02
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/21 - 5/31/22)	\$180,090.00

THE LORD BLESS YOU IN ALL THE WAYS YOU
GIVE OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS!

MISSIONARY APPEAL – Do welcome Father Francis, a priest from Ghana, to our parish next weekend, July 23-24. Father is a member of Congregation of the Holy Spirit, now known as Spiritans. They came to the United States in the 1870s and ministered to immigrant and ethnic populations. They began going to East Africa in the 1920s. Ministry with refugees from the wars in East Africa has become more a focus for them. For years, they have been working in Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. Currently, they are working in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

One-third of the 7 billion peoples of the world are Christian, of one sort or another. That leaves two-thirds who have not yet heard the Gospel in any meaningful way. And so God's mission continues to be in your and their hands and hearts.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS – On July 24, the Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Pope has chosen the theme *“They shall bear fruit even in old age.”* This theme emphasizes how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and church communities. Elderly should be cared for like a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom, our memory. It is crucial that grandchildren remain close to their grandparents, who are like roots from which they draw the sap of human and spiritual values. **Listen to the wisdom of the elderly!** St. Joachim and St. Anne, pray for us.

BLOOD DRIVE – Our Summer Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, from 12:00 until 6:00 PM. Anyone in good health, over the age of 16, and at least 110 pounds is probably eligible to donate blood. Call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) for more information or to schedule an appointment. Scheduling can also be done online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon.

THOUGHT TO PONDER – Growing old is more than the natural decline of the body but the gift of a long life. Aging is a blessing!

PRAYER – Loving God, we long to live simply. Our hearts, so filled with the many activities of the day, now stop to beg for your light and wisdom, so that we may be instruments of peace in our world. Amen. (Deborah Meister and Paige Byrne Shortal.)

38th Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Marriage and Family Life Office invites all couples married sacramentally within the Catholic Church to celebrate the joy of their vocation at a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thompson on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The Mass will include a blessing for the renewal of nuptial commitment, and a certificate of recognition will be awarded.

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, and registration is required. The deadline for registration is July 23, 2022. For more information, contact Claudia Corona at CCorona@archindy.org or call 317-236-7310.

GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS

- July 16 – Ken Harmeyer and Volunteer
- July 23 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner
- July 30 – Ken Hellmich and Paul Simon

GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS








- July 17 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
- July 24 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
- July 31 – Kevin Tunny and Tom Muckerheide

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL – The Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” In the Eucharistic Liturgy and our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter God's presence in a personal and profound way. But the Eucharist is also social. “A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

- We experience the Eucharist as a community.
- The Eucharist awakens us to our dignity and to that of others.
- The Eucharist unifies and heals divisions.
- The Eucharist sensitizes us to those who suffer.
- The Eucharist challenges us to recognize and confront structures of sin.
- The Eucharist prepares us for mission.
- The Eucharist propels us forth to transform the world.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign in a podiatrist's office: “Time wounds all heels.” (via Risa Samra Saginaw, MI, The Joyful Noiseletter)

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon	Mass 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mass – 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks	Independence Day 				Hall Rented – Bank Appreciation Lunch	Mass 4:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mass – 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time						Mass 4:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mass – 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time					 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene	Mass (MISSIONARY PRIEST) 4:00 PM Hall Rented – Class Reunion
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Mass – 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (MISSIONARY PRIEST) 10:00 AM Grandparent Day	Feast of St. James 	Feast of Sts. Joachim & Anne 			Feast of St. Martha 	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mass – 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Feast of the Visitation of Mary		Blood Drive 12:00 – 6:00 PM			THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH For the elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.	