

July 28, 2024

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.
- Jn 6:9, 11

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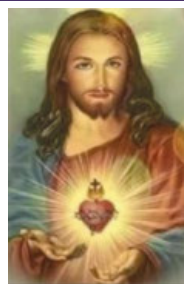
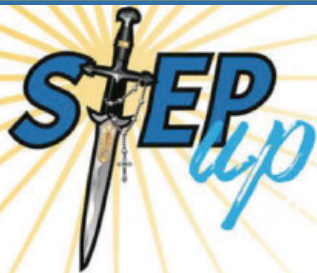
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*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine
Do keep us near to Thee
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be*

[REFRAIN]

*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*

*O Temple pure, O House of gold
Our Heaven here below
What sweet delights, what wealth untold
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts
The hearts of men have been
To wound Thy side with cruel darts
Which they have made by sin [REF]*

This is a hymn of petition to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was written by American Roman Catholic convert and later priest Theodore A. Metcalf (d. 1920). To listen to the beautiful melody...

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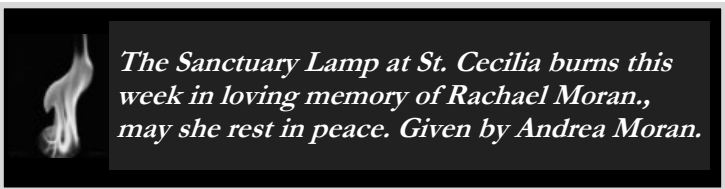


† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *July* has been sponsored in loving memory of Maria Kovian at the request of her daughters *Theresa & Christine*.

† Altar hosts at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *July* have been sponsored in loving memory of *George A Kovian* at the request of his daughters *Theresa & Christine*.

† Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *July* has been sponsored *in loving memory of Karen Ford* at the request of *Joey Ford & family*.

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COLLECTIONS TOTALS - JULY 20/21

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	503.00	605.00
OTHER	170.00	115.00
PARISH TOTAL	673.00	720.00



Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions are needed for both parishes. Having a Mass celebrated for a person or a specific request has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith and flourishing, but of your heart for those who these Masses are intended.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. July 27, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving memory of Marie Kovian, requested by her daughters Theresa & Christine.

Sun. July 28, 9:00 am (SC)- † In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mon, Dad & Sammy.

Tue. July 30 thru Sun. July 28, 2024

Tue. July 30, 8:00 am (SH) - † Birthday remembrance for Ann Stellato, requested by Tony, Lorrie & family.

Wed. July 31, 8:00 am (SC) - No intention requested.

Thurs. Aug 1, 6:30 pm (SH) - † Birthday remembrance for Peter & Bill Szykowski, requested by Tony, Lorrie & family.

Fri. Aug 2, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish

Sat. Aug 3, 4:00 pm (SH) - No intention requested.

Sun. Aug 4, 9:00 am (SC)- † In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

July 27 (SH)	Cathy Parry Chris Caffrey	Aug 3 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Theresa Kovian
July 28 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn	Aug 4 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

July 29 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell	Aug 5 (SH)	Katherine Downing Barb Bilins
July 29 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Aug 5 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

Food Pantry



Aug 7 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Aug 28 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter's Pence: Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Healing Mass: The First Thursday of each month we invite you to **Sacred Heart Church** at 6:30 PM for a Healing Mass, Short Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing with Sacred Oil & Rosary prayer, a Potluck Refreshment and a chance to meet parishioners. Please bring your family & friends!

Healing Mass at St. Cecilia is held on the first Friday of each month, at 8:00 AM in the basement chapel.

Sacred Heart Parish Council: The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday Aug 7 at 6pm** in the hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend council meetings.

Ice Cream Social Save the Date: Our ice cream social will be held on August 20. This is a wonderful community outreach event. Please let your friends and family know.

Kindness Matters Campaign: The **Kindness Matters** campaign encourages people to step up and be better neighbors to one another. If each one of us makes a concerted effort to be kinder it will have a ripple effect throughout our community. Please visit RCDA.org/kind

2024 Diocese of Albany-Step Up Men's Conference: The Step Up Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 8:15am to 3:30pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd, Clifton Park. The purpose of this event is to grow in our relationship with Christ and establish a plan to bring this energy back to our families and parish families. For information and to register: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 28, 2024—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "**The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs**"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

-Father John Muir

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Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

"God our loving Father, you are the source of life and of all gifts. You lovingly sustain us at every moment of our lives and you bring us to fullness of life in Jesus your Son and our Brother.

We thank you for the wonderful gift of our grandparents and the elderly. You have given them to us to be our guide as they share with us the wealth of their experiences and the wisdom that they have gained through the years. We thank you for making them witnesses to us of your abiding presence and care at every turn and change of life. We pray that you bless all of them with joy and peace, with satisfaction at the fruits of their labor, and with the faithful love of their family. Strengthen their trust in your healing mercy in the face of the mistakes and sins of the past. Grant them the joy of companionship of their loved ones and friends. Protect them from all harm and evil that can obscure their vision of eternal peace and joy in your Kingdom.

Give them the patience and courage to bear the cross of sickness and weakness of the body. Help them see their sufferings and discomfort as their sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Grant us all, their family and friends, the grace of firm conviction and faith in the value and dignity of every human person created in your image and redeemed by the sacrifice of Your Son on the Cross. May this help us to continue to support, respect, and love them. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen."



Saints Joachim & Anne, Pray for Us.

*Pope Francis in January announced the establishment of a **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**, to take place every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. "Let us make sure that grandparents remain – and feel – that elders are cherished members of our families, communities and nation."



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