



Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg., Pastor
We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 19, 2026



*"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." -Matthew 13:30.
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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9am, 4pm
Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
Mondays - Fridays: 8am

Holy Day Masses

8am, 7pm

Confessions

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

Holy Hour

3pm Saturdays

Church Hours

6am - 6pm

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays through Thursdays
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, July 18

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: John Schiller

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 19

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Fran Lawrence

Monday, July 20

8am Mass: Morton Gotcliffe

Tuesday, July 21

8am Mass

Wednesday, July 22

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8am Mass

Thursday, July 23

8am Mass: William (Bill) Martin

Friday, July 24

8am Mass: Helene Russo

Saturday, July 25

Feast of St. James

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

Mary Messina

Sunday Hospitality

The Sunday Hospitality Committee that provides our refreshments after 10:30am Mass on Sundays

is in need of volunteers. **Angeleta Donovan** is creating a schedule so that so that several volunteers can share in the weekly setup. With enough participants, each person would serve only once a month, or less.

Please consider joining this ministry. St. Boniface Hospitality is one of the many things that makes our parish so special. Training is available.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Angeleta at stbonhospitality@gmail.com or 631-219-5050.

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Henri Clermont, Anne Cooney, William Martin

For Our Sick

Nicole Wollack

Names remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to include your loved one's name. Requests must be made by a family member.

For Our Military

Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy

Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF

Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army

Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy

Captain Conor Lynch, US Army

Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy

Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve

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Eucharistic Ministry

If you know of homebound parishioners who would like Communion brought to them, call 516-676-0676.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS

Cathedral, our envelope supplier,
is still having printing issues
and will not be able to mail out
the July envelopes. They hope
to get the August envelopes
out in time. I apologize
for the inconvenience.

- Fr. Josef



Events This Week

Sunday, July 19

2pm Bereavement Group Meeting

Monday, July 20

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, July 23

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Boniface Outreach

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

To quote Randall Wallace, author and film director: "There's just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." We are looking for people to join the greatest cadre of pantry volunteers to work at the pantry one Saturday morning for 3 hours every 5 weeks. Stop by any Saturday to see how we work or call Jody Fleischmann or David Meagher at the number above.



Pantry Needs: Small bags of white rice; canned peas and carrots, beets, and spinach; canned fruit, jelly, paper goods, bath soap, cleaning products, tooth paste, books for children ages 2 to 10 only.

Thrift Shop: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

Hearing today's Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom. This week, please say a special prayer each day for our neighbors in need.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the number above.

Ministry Meetings

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets at 2pm in St. Boniface School, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff, and is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose.

No fee, but PRE-registration required. Contact David Meagher at davidkmeagher@gmail.com, or lrosecs@hotmai.com for details and registration.

Next Meeting: July 19.

Sundays or Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School from 6:30pm-8pm. Follow us on instagram username: stbonyg. Join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group'. Contact Youth Minister, April, at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com for upcoming activities.

Mondays: Prayer Group

Zooms Mondays 7:30-8:30pm. Praise with us! Call John & Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

Women of Faith Book Groups on Summer Hiatus

Meets monthly in the parish center. The morning group meets Saturdays at 10am and the evening group meets first Tuesdays at 7pm. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for details. See our "lending library" shelf in the vestibule.

Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Beginners welcome. Contact call Nancy Furlong for details at 516-759-5869 or brknit@optonline.net.

Thursdays: Scripture Study

Zooms Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. Contact John & Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

Men's Ministry on Summer Hiatus

Meets September through June the second Saturday of the month from 7:30am to 8:45am in St. Boniface School, for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. For details, contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com.

Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites

Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Titus Brandsma Chapter, seek God's will and presence in the ordinary circumstances of life in solidarity with others. Contact Ann at 516-676-0330 or Flora at 516-656-9375. **Next Meeting: August 15.**

Many Blessings, Sister Clare!



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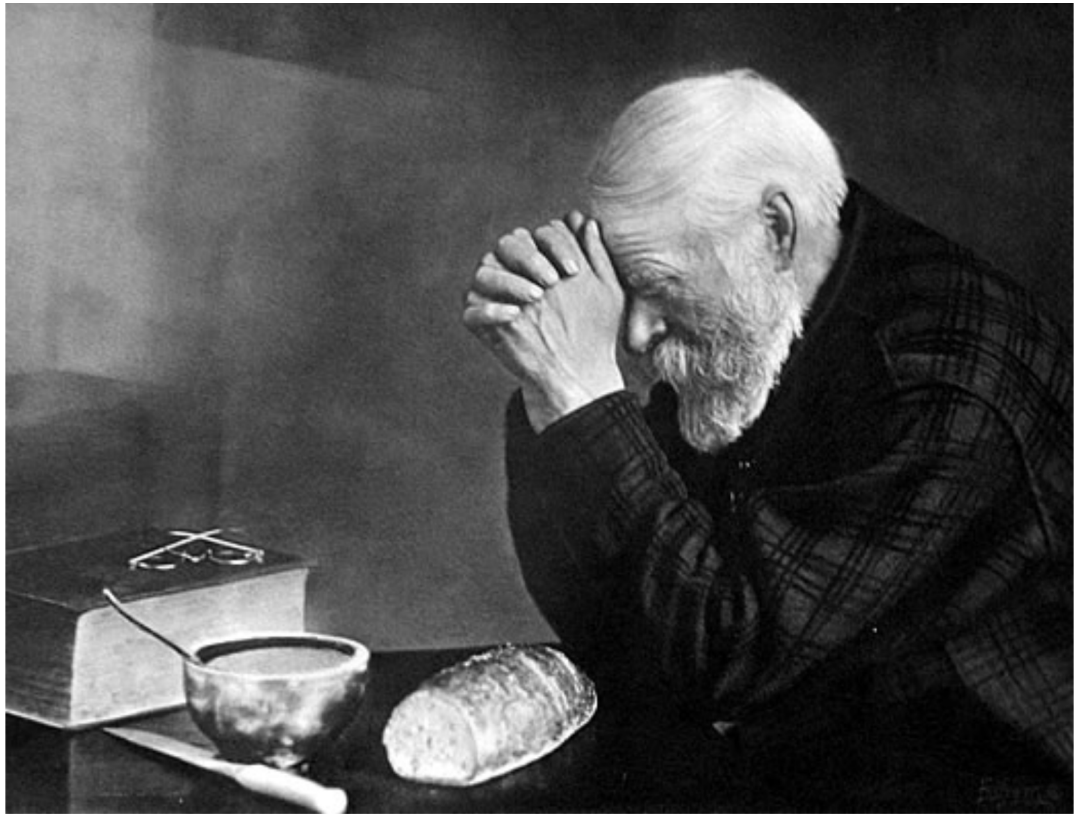
Reflections on the Readings

The Gift of Lenience

Changing ourselves is hard. Sometimes we do not even see what should be changed. But we can usually see what others should change. Their foibles are all too evident.

Given the power, what would you change about the world around you? The way people act, policies of institutions, the evil thoughts that darken the minds of criminals—these and more may annoy us and add misery to our lives. If we had the power, surely we would change other people.

So, why doesn't God do this? God has the power to change other people. Doesn't God see injustice? Doesn't it annoy the Divine Presence?



The Book of Wisdom wrestled with these questions long before we did. It says that God could establish justice merely by the use of unparalleled might. Instead, God is lenient. The God who has power over all things is lenient with evildoers.

When we think of the sins of others, such leniency seems foolish. But when we think of our own sins, such leniency is gift. According to the Book of Wisdom, God's tolerance of the wicked does not show indifference. Rather, it gives hope to those who would repent.

Praying Hard

There are many ways to pray. When alone, we might pray in silence, or meditate on verses from the Bible, or say the Rosary, or read from a prayer book. When with others, we may pray before a meal, bow our heads during an invocation, or join in the Mass.

On some days prayer seems less satisfying. It is hard to concentrate. We are distracted by our surroundings or by the affairs of the day. The words do not make much sense. Or we are just too tired. Those troublesome days come, but there are other days when prayer works. We feel drawn into the presence of God. The songs truly give praise. Our needs prompt us to call on God more directly. The faith of others inspires us. We may feel discouraged by a lesser prayer once we have experienced all that prayer could be.

Even when we cannot pray the way we wish, our prayer still pleases God. When you do something for someone you love, you may not always have the right words, and you may not always select the perfect gift, but The Beloved knows what is in your heart. St. Paul tells the Romans, "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought." The Spirit intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.

If we do not feel like prayer, all we have to do is try. The Spirit will take it from there.

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Saint Mary Magdalene

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE,

also known as Mary of Magdala, is likely named for the fishing village of Magdala near the Sea of Galilee. All we know about Mary comes from the Gospels. Luke (8:1–3) introduces her as one of the women who accompanied Jesus and the Twelve. She had been “cured of evil spirits and infirmities;” delivered from “seven demons,” which could be distinct demons who possessed, obsessed, or oppressed Mary. The number seven also symbolizes perfection, implying complete possession or perfect deliverance from these demons and from an evil life. Thus, she never returned to the sins from which Jesus delivered her. Some identify the seven demons as the seven capital sins, implying that Mary had violated them all and was delivered from each.



*Appearance of Jesus Christ to Maria Magdalena
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While many presume that the anonymous “sinful woman” who washes Jesus’ feet with her tears, wipes them with her hair, and anoints them from an “alabaster flask of ointment” in Luke 7:35-50 is Mary Magdalene, there is no way to be certain. This sinful woman might have been Mary of Bethany, Lazarus’ and Martha’s sister. It could have been a woman not mentioned elsewhere in the Bible, or one of the other women who accompanied Jesus and the Twelve.

The second time that Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the Bible is at Jesus’ crucifixion. Matthew, Mark, and Luke state that she and other women looked on from a distance. John’s Gospel has her standing near the Cross next to Jesus’ mother and aunt (John 19:25).

Mary Magdalene appears a third time after the Resurrection. Matthew, Mark, and Luke state that she and one or more other women went to the tomb early Sunday morning to anoint Jesus’ body. John’s Gospel states that she went alone, found the stone rolled away, and Jesus’ body missing. She ran to tell Peter and John, who left after investigating and finding the tomb empty. As Mary sat by the tomb crying, two angels appeared and conversed with her. She then turned and saw someone whom she mistook for the gardener. Asking if he had taken Jesus’ body, she recognized Jesus when He said, “Mary!” Jesus said, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God’” (John 20:17). Mary quickly informed the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

Because Mary announced Jesus’ Resurrection to the disciples, Saint Thomas Aquinas referred to her as the “Apostle to the Apostles.” Nothing else is known about Mary Magdalene. One tradition says she accompanied John and the Blessed Mother to Ephesus, where she spent the rest of her days.

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Saint James

While the Twelve Apostles included two named James, this week we honor James the Greater, the brother of John, the Gospel writer. Their mother is believed to be Salome, identified as the Blessed Virgin Mary's sister. Salome and Mary were siblings, then James and John were Jesus' cousins.

Tradition holds that Andrew and James the Greater followed Jesus after John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (John 1:35-51). Matthew's and Mark's Gospels record James following Jesus after He called James and John as they mended their nets (Mark 1:19-20). The family likely had means. The father, Zebedee, might have employed other fishermen besides his sons. The mother, Salome, is believed to be one of the women who supported Jesus and the disciples. John might partly have been entrusted with the care of Jesus' mother because he had the resources to do so.

The Gospels record Peter, James, and John as being present at three special events that the other Apostles were not. When Jesus cured Jairus' daughter, He brought the three into the house with Him (Mark 5:37). Second, Jesus took these three to the top of a high mountain where He was transfigured (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36). Finally, these three accompanied Jesus during His Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42).

James and John are also known for boldly asking Jesus that they sit at His left and right when He entered His Kingdom. In Matthew's Gospel, their mother, Salome, makes the request on their behalf (Matthew 20:20-28), and in Mark's Gospel, the brothers make the request (Mark 10:35-45). In Luke 9:51-56, Jesus rebukes James and John when they want to call down fire from heaven after the Samaritans would not welcome Him and His disciples. Due to the brothers' excessive zeal, quick tempers, and boldness, they are referred to as the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17).

James is last mentioned in Acts 12:1-3. Herod Agrippa, ruler of Judea from 41-44, martyred James the Greater to appease the Pharisaic Jews who opposed Jesus and His followers. A later tradition holds that James preached the Gospel in Spain before his martyrdom in Jerusalem. That same tradition states that his martyred body was either miraculously transported to Compostela, Spain or that his followers took his body there. Lost for centuries, his burial site was discovered in the ninth century when a hermit named Pelagius observed a star or a cluster of stars that led to the site. Afterward, King Alfonso II ordered the construction of a church over his grave; the site is now referred to as Santiago (Saint James) of Compostela (field of stars). Since then, pilgrims have traveled the 100- to 500-mile route known as the Camino de Santiago (Way of Saint James) from various starting points in France, Spain, and Portugal that lead to his burial site.



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Matthew 13:43

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Baptism: Fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass. Please contact the office to register. Godparents must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and live in harmony with the Catholic Church.

Matrimony: Engaged couples are to call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? We welcome those not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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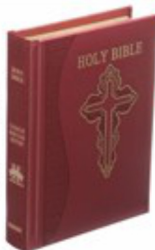
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