

# Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church

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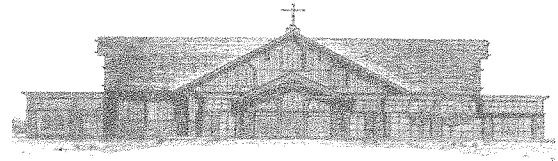
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JULY 3 and 4, 2021 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10 and 11, 2021 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE - HOLY MASSES:

Weekdays 8 AM

Wednesday 6 PM

Saturday 5:00PM

First Saturday 8:00AM

Sunday 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon [Spanish]

## CONFESSION:

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:45pm and Saturdays at 3:00 to 4:30pm or by appointment.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Daily, from 8am-8pm

Friday, from 12Noon (24hrs) - closes at 12Noon on Saturday.

## ROSARY:

Daily – At 7:25 am, Before 8:00am Daily Holy Mass

First Saturday – Before 8:00am Holy Mass; on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Richard Thorne 6/27-7/4

St. Joseph – Caleb Cunningham 7/4 – 7/18

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Call the office to register between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday @ 541-923-3390.

**BAPTISMS:** Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of our parish. A Baptism preparation class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office at 541-923-3390.

*To schedule a Baptismal Class in English, please call the office 541.923.3390. Baptisms in English are scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ Noon or by appointment.*

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Should make an appointment with Fr. Todd, six months before the proposed date. Preparation class from September-March is mandatory.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples planning to marry in this parish should call the office to make an appointment with the Pastor, Fr. Todd Unger, at least six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory.

**CANDLE INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES:** Parishioners may request that candles be lit in front of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Mary and St. Joseph statues. Call the office for more details.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:45pm (September-June)– Parish Center - Conference Room. (Parish Council Members: Fr. Todd Unger, Angie Ornelas, Faviola Soto, Scott Jackson, Anne Maloney, Jim Manley, Marjorie Joll, Patricia Schulte)

**Finance Council** meets last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, Parish Center Conference Room

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on Monday, September 13. Details will follow. Grand Knight: John Turlak

**Altar Society** will meet on Monday, September 13. Details will follow – President: Marjorie Joll

**St. Thomas Academy** – SAC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6pm. Principal: Patricia Schulte

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**  
**JULY 3 – JULY 11, 2021**

**JULY 3. FIRST SATURDAY – ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE**

8:00AM PARISH OF ST. THOMAS  
5:00PM CLARENCE & SHIRLEY KUPER [PARISH FRIENDS]

**JULY 4. SUNDAY – INDEPENDENCE DAY**

8:00AM+DON LYLE [DOLLY LYLE]  
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
NOON FAMILIA ROBLES CAMPOS [JOSE & ERIKA ROBLES]

**JULY 5. MONDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00AM LARRY SCHERSCHEL [BILL SCHERSCHEL]  
9:00AM+JIM PAGNANI [RYAN AND CINDY SALE]

**JULY 6. TUESDAY:**

8:00AM+DOROTHY KOWALCZYK [ED AND PAM CHEENEY]  
8:00AM THANK YOU FROM TIM KRUGH [TIM KRUGH]

**JULY 7. WEDNESDAY:**

8:00AM+HENRY R DUCLOS [JIM AND CHRIS MANLEY]  
6:00PM DANIEL HIDALGO SANTANA [IGNACIA SALDANA]

**JULY 8. THURSDAY**

8:00AM FAMILIA GARCIA ZUNIGA [RAMON AND LUISA GARCIA]  
8:00AM+MARK FULK [TIM KRUGH]

**JULY 9. FRIDAY**

8:00AM+JOANNE SILVA [KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS]  
8:00AM+DON NOONAN [JIM AND COLEEN CONNOLLY]

**JULY 10. SATURDAY**

5:00PM+STAN AND MIKE STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]

**JULY 11. SUNDAY**

8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
10:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK [RAY HAVELOCK]  
NOON+JOSE AND MARIA LOPEZ [CONCEPSION LOPEZ]

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**  
**JULY 10 – JULY 25, 2021**

**JULY 10. SATURDAY**

5:00PM+ STAN AND MIKE STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]

**JULY 11. SUNDAY**

8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
10:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK  
NOON+JOSE AND MARIA LOPEZ [CONCEPSION LOPEZ]

**JULY 12. MONDAY**

8:00AM COLTAN PALMER [CHUCK MEYER FAMILY]  
8:00AM+PEGGY DEJARDIN [ELEANOR DAVIS]

**JULY 13. TUESDAY**

8:00AM VOLUNTEERS OF SVDP [BILL AND CINDY OSTER]  
8:00AM FATHER TODD UNGER [HIS PARISH FAMILY]

**JULY 14. WEDNESDAY**

8:00AM LARRY SCHERSCHEL [BILL SCHERSCHEL]  
6:00PM+ALAN MULLIS [CATHERINE & THOMAS HAWK]

**JULY 15. THURSDAY**

8:00AM FAMILIA VARAJAS GARCIA [RAMON AND LUISA GARCIA]  
8:00AM ALICE SIZEMORE [ROD AND LINDA JONES]

**JULY 16. FRIDAY**

8:00AM MARTI MEYER [CHUCK MEYER FAMILY]  
8:00 AM+MATILDA RUDESILL [RYAN AND CINDY SALE]

**JULY 17. SATURDAY**

5:00PM+DENNIS DUFFY [MIKE AND LINDA LANDON]

**JULY 18. SUNDAY**

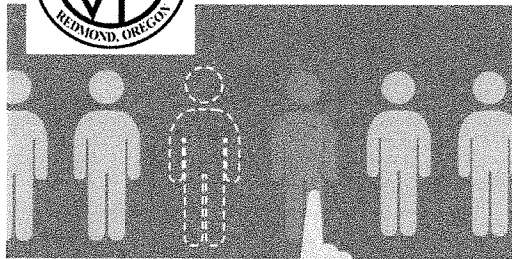
8:00AM DANIEL DE LEONE [CHUCK MEYER FAMILY]  
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO [JOSE AND ERIKA ROBLES]

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Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. Report all allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) Keep Oregon's Children Safe. After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities please contact: Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker, Safe Environment Coordinator, Email: [leah@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:leah@dioceseofbaker.org), Phone 541-388-4004. Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults: Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, VG, Email: [rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org), Phone: 541-891-9015. Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact: Angelina Montoya, MD, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Phone: 541-678-5652. Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a Bishop please contact: Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS), Phone: 800-276-1562.



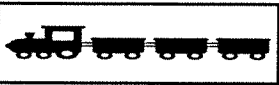
**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP CARY:** "The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is to be reinstated in the Diocese of Baker on the weekend of July 3-4, 2021." For the Bishop's complete announcement you can find a copy on the reverse side of this page in English and in Spanish.



**RUMMAGE SALE:** Please bring your good, clean items for the Altar Society Rummage Sale to the Parish Center Gym on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 6pm or Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 1pm. **For more information, pick up a flyer from the table. WE CANNOT ACCEPT ITEMS BEFORE JULY 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> DUE TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS.**



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Our parish participation is currently 90% with pledges at 111% of target. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year. For those who are not Registered or if you are and did not receive a packet in the mail, we encourage you to pick up an Appeal packet or the Diocesan Chronicle at any exit of the Church. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org)



#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JULY 26-30:**

Forms for VBS sign-up are located in the front vestibule area of the church and in the office. Completed registrations can be turned in at the gift counter and in the office. For more information, see the green flyers on the communication desk in the back of the church.



**JULY FLOWERS:** Marty McNamee



**COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS** on Sunday, July 11, and July 25, after the 8 and 10 am Masses in the church side vestibule.



**ST. THOMAS LENDING LIBRARY:** DID YOU KNOW that the lending library in the hallway by the Fireside Room is open for borrowing by ALL parishioners? All the great Catholic authors and saints are there: St. Augustine, John Paul II, Mother Theresa, Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Fulton Sheen, books on the Blessed Mother, the Sacraments, The Bible, and Theology. There are even DVDs and CDs. Take a look and take a book. Feel free to keep as long as necessary. **Anything on the bottom shelf is free to keep.**



**WANT TO TRY ONLINE GIVING?** Go to bottom of the home page at [www.stthomasredmond.com](http://www.stthomasredmond.com) and click on "ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION." Great resource!



**RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE UPDATE:** There has been fantastic participation from everyone for this year's baby bottle drive for the unborn children appeal. We are now six weeks into this campaign, and after setting out 190 bottles, half have been returned with a generous contribution total to date of \$3,200.66 in checks, currency, and coins. We continue to thank all who have returned their bottles, but there is still plenty of time left as we plan on ending this drive on Labor Day weekend. Any and all amounts are deeply appreciated and will allow us to generously support anti abortion publication and causes. Thank you Everyone !!!



**CENTRAL OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE:** is looking for someone to lead the chapter in Central Oregon. We have two projects per year, so far – the Deschutes County Fair and a Fall 40 Days for Life campaign. If you're looking to work with the best volunteers in Central Oregon and have heart to save human lives lost through abortion, please contact: [pmarx10@gmail.com](mailto:pmarx10@gmail.com) 541-280-9744. Thank you and God bless you, Patty Marx.



**FREE TICKETS TO THE FAIR:** Central Oregon Right to Life is looking for volunteers for our Pro Life Booth. Dates for the fair are July 28-August 1. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 10am-1pm; 1pm-4pm; 4pm-7pm. On Sunday, 10am-12Noon; 12Noon-2pm; 2pm-5pm. Please send your address along with the hours you can volunteer so we can send you tickets. Contact: Patty Marx [pmarx10@gmail.com](mailto:pmarx10@gmail.com) 541-280-9744.



#### **Marian Fair Booth at the Deschutes County Fair 2021**

**BACK IN THE SADDLE:** Wednesday, July 28th –Sunday, August 1st– Exhibit Hall hours: Wed. –Sat: 10am–10pm/Sun:10am–5pm The Story of Mary told through the Holy Rosary, Scripture and her call to pray the Rosary daily for world peace. Sign up and join the fun, for 2 hour shifts or longer, 2 to a shift with friend or family. Teens on up! Free tickets for volunteers! Inside air-conditioned booth! Information of Mary-Rosary will be discussed with Fr. Todd and Judith Newport before fair dates. **Sign up sheets in church vestibule.** Also needed: statues, medals, rosaries, framed pictures, crucifixes ...3,000+ rosaries given.... For more information contact Judith Newport [mothermarysdhtrs@aol.com](mailto:mothermarysdhtrs@aol.com) 541.923.6946 home.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Thank you to everyone who helped stock the Red Cross shelves during the blood drive on June 29: donors, volunteers and Red Cross Staff. Donors save the date, Tuesday, September 7, for our next drive.



**THE OREGON RETROUVAILLE COMMUNITY** will be holding a weekend at Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, Oregon, on August 6-8. In compliance with Oregon and facility requirements, a limit of 12 couples can be accommodated. **Masks must be worn during the weekend.** For more information, contact the community at [portland@retrouvaille.org](mailto:portland@retrouvaille.org).



**THE LATIN MASS:** 9am every Sunday at the historical St. Francis Church. Confession is available before Mass. For more information, please email Chris Miccolis – [SaintFoilan@protonmail.com](mailto:SaintFoilan@protonmail.com)



**THE SAINT THOMAS BOOK CLUB** is currently reading *The Screwtape Letters* by CS Lewis. *The Screwtape Letters* is an iconic classic on spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation. This profound and striking narrative takes the form of a series of letters from Screwtape, a devil high in the Infernal Civil Service, to his nephew Wormwood, a junior colleague engaged in his first mission on earth, trying to secure the damnation of a young man who has just become a Christian. Although the young man initially looks to be a willing victim, he changes his ways and is "lost" to the young devil. Books available through Amazon.com. Discussion will be held on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. For a copy of the study guide please contact Leah at 541.884.4031.



**REGISTER AT FORMED.ORG.** Parishioners, click on St. Thomas, Redmond.

## Official Announcement from Bishop Cary

On Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> Governor Kate Brown announced that the COVID-19 restrictions will end when the state achieves a 70% first dose adult vaccination rate, or on Wednesday, June 30, whichever comes first.

In light of this development, I hereby withdraw the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The obligation to attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is to be reinstated in the Diocese of Baker on the weekend of July 3-4, 2021. The ordinary exceptions under the obligation prior to the dispensation remain. Feel free to take any questions you might have to your pastor.

I want to express my gratitude for your fidelity, flexibility and patience during the unprecedented restrictions we have had to endure over the past many months.

May St. Joseph watch over you, one and all

Bishop Cary

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El viernes 25 de junio, la gobernadora Kate Brown anunció que las restricciones de COVID-19 terminarán cuando el estado alcance una tasa de vacunación de adultos de primera dosis del 70%, o el miércoles 30 de junio, lo que ocurra primero.

A la luz de este desarrollo, con esta noticia retiro la dispensa general de la obligación de asistir a Misa los domingos y días sagrados de precepto. La obligación de asistir a misa los domingos y días sagrados se restablecerá en la Diócesis de Baker el fin de semana del 3 al 4 de julio de 2021. Se mantienen las excepciones ordinarias bajo la obligación antes de la dispensación. No dude en llevar cualquier pregunta que pueda tener a su pastor.

Quiero expresar mi gratitud por su fidelidad, flexibilidad y paciencia durante las restricciones sin precedentes que hemos tenido que soportar durante los últimos meses.

Que San José los cuide ustedes todos,

Obispo Cary

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## Changes or Additions to Parish Records

- ( ) I am a new parishioner and would like to register
- ( ) I've moved ~ My new address, phone and email are shown below
- ( ) I'm Moving. Please remove me from St. Thomas Parish
- ( ) Please contact me regarding envelopes, online giving or parish directory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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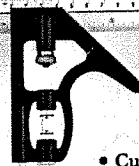
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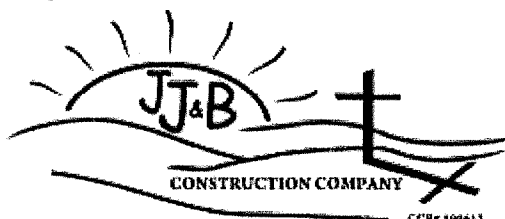
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Joshua 1:9  
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## One Minute Meditations

### God is the current of life

"Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God."  
Mother Teresa

### Saying "no" is not a sin

Saying "no" is hard for many of us. Not wanting to let anyone down, we say "yes" until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say "no." God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our "yes" should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-40).

## Love one another, especially those who are different

In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family.

*"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"* (Romans 12:10).

Treat others with kindness, not because they are kind, but because you are. It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

Don't build yourself up by making others look small. No one is impressed

by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love, and respect.

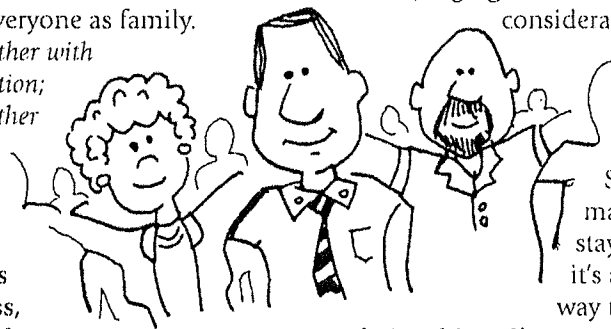
Practice empathy. People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances. Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like to receive.

Meet in person instead of online.

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage

relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you. Treat all people – including yourself – with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

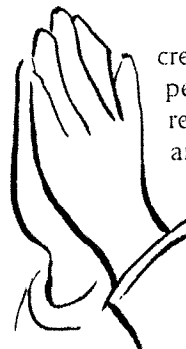
## Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560).

That encounter is our connection to God, who

created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer – raising our hearts and minds to God ..." (CCC, #2559).

It is through prayer and in prayer that we come to know and love Him best.



## Welcome back to Mass!

Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

**Meet Him in the flesh.** The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

**Receive His protection.** Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The



more open we are to it – by actively participating in Mass – the more we enjoy the benefits.

**Love Him back.** The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. *"If you love me you will keep my commandments"* (John 15:15).

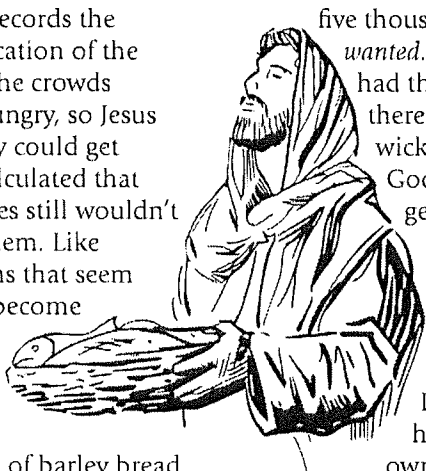
If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

### from Scripture

#### John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can become intimidated.

The Apostle, Andrew, went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the



five thousand *"as much...as they wanted."* Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have

much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

### Q What is expected of & Catholics?

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Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

**Come home every weekend:** "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God wants to see us back in person – often!

**Take responsibility:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

**Reconnect:** "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

**Practice detachment:** "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

**Help around the house:** "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

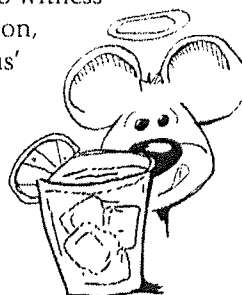
### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel** (1251). Carmelite tradition holds that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on Mount Carmel and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

**July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene** (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood by the Cross of Jesus with his mother. Known as the "Apostle to

the Apostles," Mary was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

**July 25 – St. James** (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



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