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Liturgy Schedule
Sunday at 10 AM
Monday thru Friday as scheduled
8 AM in the House Chapel
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Before Mass and anytime by appointment!
The Sacrament of the Sick
Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.
The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any illness and as often as necessary.
Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.
Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners
Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride
We are honored to have you with us!
Please be sure to sign our guest book.
MASSES THIS WEEK
Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM in the Parish House Chapel as scheduled
July 21, 2019
The Sixteenth Sunday of the Church Year
For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich, Mark Beatovic; and for a Special Intention
Monday: St. Mary Magdalene
Tuesday: St. Bridget
Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
Thursday: St. James
Friday: Sts. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
July 28, 2019
The Seventeenth Sunday of the Church Year
For the intention of Paul Matuschek, The Members of the Thro and Well Families – Living and Deceased and for Mark Beatovic
For Maryanne Gladney on 83rd Birthday

Mass Intentions Available - If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. If you wish the Intention to be published in the bulletin, it must be submitted 15 days before! Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings - Since we have started Give Central, more than $35,000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! Click on the “Donate Now” button on our web site.

Free Table – There are free books, tapes and other religious objects on the table in the rear of the Church. You are invited to share your used items, as well.

Five Day Memorial Candles and Mother Teresa Devotional Candles are available for placing at a side altar or for home use! See Cate!

MICKEY’S MINUTE
“If you would be loved, love and be lovable!” – Benjamin Franklin

PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD, CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mother Theresa Sundays 2019
August 18th and September 15th
Veneration of her relic and Prayers for Vocations at Mass
Parish Picnic – September 8, 2019
A Salute to Coach Rose after 34 Years of Service to St. Bride
October 13, 2019
Oktoberfest after Mass
November 23, 2019
Thanksgiving Outreach to the South Shore Community
December 8, 2019
Breakfast with Santa
A MINDSET OF SERVICE

There’s a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God’s steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke’s Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, How am I present to God and others in my life?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There’s a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God’s deep desire for us to know divine love.

July 21, 2019 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are blessed today with stories about relationships—human and divine—and the joys and responsibilities that come along with them. They are also stories about justice.

Our Gospel tells the familiar story of overly anxious Martha complaining to Jesus about her sister, Mary, who is not helping her with her hospitality responsibilities but is sitting at Jesus’ feet. Can’t you just imagine Jesus between these two righteous women disciples?

Jesus’ answer to Martha—that the actions of her seemingly lazy sister are actually OK—hardly seems fair. As we will show later, caring about the responsibilities that come with treating others well brings rewards, but there is a difference in how one approaches the task.

THOSE WHO DO JUSTICE

Psalm 15 describes the life of justice and the reward of joy in God’s presence. We know that justice always involves service. Can we find joy in service, perhaps even in suffering?

Saint Paul writes to the Colossians that his life of suffering service to them and to the other churches is a source of joy to him. His relationship with them, although filled with affliction, is its own reward, as he brings people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Abraham and Sarah, the righteous elderly couple of the Old Testament, are emblematic of this kind of relationship. Abraham welcomes “strangers” with eager hospitality, not knowing that his visitors are divine messengers, even the Holy One of Israel! His spouse, Sarah, does all she can to aid Abraham in making their guests comfortable and welcome. In return for their generous hospitality, the childless aged couple are rewarded with a blessing—a son, Isaac.

How do they differ from Martha, though? Martha allows her duties and service to overwhelm her with anxiety. Abraham fairly leaps for joy to be of service to his guests.

If you are a Martha, the lesson is to keep serving but find the joy that gives true meaning to your service.