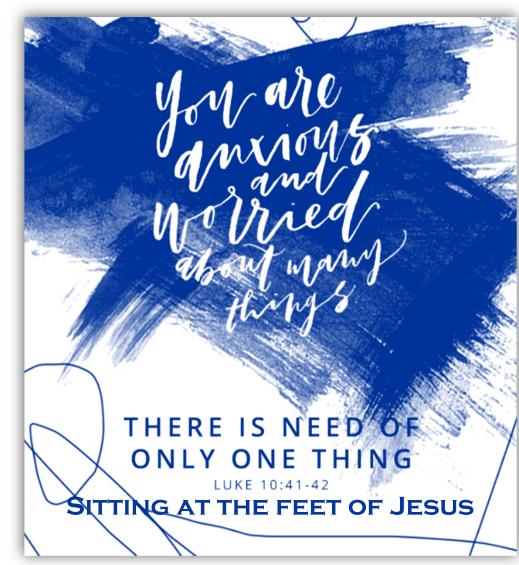
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MASS **SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY

VIGIL MASS 5:30рм

SUNDAY

MASS 8:30AM & 11:00AM

MONDAY **COMMUNION SERVICE** 8:00AM

TUESDAY

MASS 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

MASS 8:00AM

THURSDAY

MASS 8:00AM

FRIDAY

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MONTHLY

- \Rightarrow FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION **8:30**AM TO NOON
- \Rightarrow FIRST SATURDAY MASS 8ам
- \Rightarrow FIRST WEEKEND ALL MASSES LITANY TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
- \Rightarrow Holy Days & solemnities 8:00AM & 6:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 4:30рм-5:15рм

JULY 21 2019 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





July 21, 2019

Choosing "the Better Part"

By Mary Katharine Deeley

uring the holidays, my husband Dand I invite relatives, friends, and students who can't return home to share our meal and find welcome in a special time. We enjoy cooking for a crowd, and our guests often bring something to share, adding to the bounty. Beforehand, we clean and dust, making sure the house is presentable. Our preparations are anything but relaxed. On the day itself, my husband usually cooks the meal while I offer drinks and conversation. The event couldn't succeed without either of our roles.

Sunday Readings

Genesis 18:1–10a

One of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

Colossians 1:24-28

It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom.

Luke 10:38-42

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

In the first reading, Abraham put wife Sarah and the servants to work to provide the feast while he waited on the guests. To his (and his wife's) surprise, the strangers asked where Sarah was and promised her a son. In this moment, we see that Abraham isn't the only important person in the story. God's blessing came mainly to the one in the kitchen, in the background.

When Jesus visits the sisters of Bethany, Martha remains in the kitchen like Sarah. In her anxiety, did she believe God's favor would come only to those who toil? Jesus reminds her there also is blessing in sitting with the guest; he even calls this "the better part."

There is pride and vanity in assuming we can achieve favor and blessing through our works. When we start to think we know where, when, how, and to whom God will come, it's good to return to the word, which reminds us that favor and blessing come according to God's choosing and often to our surprise. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

When elderly couples, celebrating fifty years together, come to audiences of Mass here, I ask them: "Who supported whom?" This is beautiful! Everyone looks at each other, the look at me and say: "Both!" This is a beautiful witness!

—Address to engaged couples at St. Peter's Basilica, February 14, 2014





- Do I focus on daily tasks at the expense of ignoring what makes life truly meaningful?
- When I speak to someone, do I give him or her my full attention, or does my mind wander to the next thing?

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Marriage in the Middle

By Susan Hines-Brigger

D ecently my husband Kand I went on a date ...to the grocery store... without our four kids. Exciting, right? For us, it was. It was wonderful and exciting because it was the closest thing we've had to a date night in a long time. Welcome to the second stage of marriage.

HOME CHURCH

Twenty years ago, Mark and I stood before our family and friends and promised to love, honor, and cherish one another in good times and bad, in sickness and health. Now, looking back, I can confidently say we had no idea what those vows actually meant.

In the first years of our marriage, we managed to adapt to life with one another and our quirks. But then our first child, Maddie, came along and everything changed. I'm often reminded of a quote from my favorite movie, *Hope* Floats: "Beginnings are scary, endings are usually sad, but it's the middle that counts the most."

Suddenly life in this middle stage of marriage meant we were faced with a new set of challenges. Lack of sleep, different parenting styles, hectic schedules, and career goals seemed to push our relationship to the edge. Time together as a couple took a back seat. We became aware that these are the years when the rubber meets the road when it comes to marriage. It's the time when we

The subsequent births of our next three children over the next ten years brought more and new challenges to our marriage—and meant less time for us grownups to spend together. My role as bad cop to Mark's good cop has caused more than its share of arguments. But we ride out the ebbs and flows, knowing full well that we are in this for the long haul. That's not to say it's always easy, though.

It's easy to see how so many couples drift apart during this stage. Adding to the challenge is what seems to be a lack of support for those couples in the second stage of their marriage journey. Suddenly, the support systems that help couples get to the altar fade away.

A Change in Perspective

Relationships will change from day to day, month to month, year to year. But for all its challenges, life in this stage of marriage can also be exciting and filled with blessings and adventures. Traveling that journey with your spouse has the



or 2 Cor 5:14–17 / Jn 20:1–2, 11–18 Tuesday, Weekday: Ex 14:21—15:1 / Mt 12:46-50 Wednesday, Weekday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 / Mt 13:1-9



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put tough flesh on our vows.

We would

commiserate with friends-many of whom found themselves in the same situation-about things like nearly nonexistent sex lives, financial struggles, house repairs, and a complete lack of a social life.

Monday, St. Mary Magdalene: Sgs 3:1-4b

potential to bring you closer if you work together.

So, yes, date nights might now consist of a rented movie after the kids have gone to bed or Friday night at the grocery. And while lunch dates have replaced dinner dates, the important thing is that we're together. And now that Maddie is of babysitting age, we are slowly starting to rediscover date nights and more time alone—thus the exciting grocery store adventure. It's not much, but we'll take what we can get.

The most important thing is to stay connected, remembering that we are on the same team. That is as true in this stage of marriage as it was in the beginning and will continue to be into the next stage. Sometimes the best you can do is grocery shopping on a Friday night.

Before we know it, our kids will be grown and our marriage will move into a new phase. Who knows what's in store for us? Whatever it is, though, I'm sure that Mark and I are up for the challenge. +



Lord, you teach us to love and welcome strangers. Remove the fear that keeps me from accepting and loving people with backgrounds different from mine.

-From Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

Thursday, St. James: 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28 Friday, Sts. Joachim and Anne: Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23 Saturday, Weekday: Ex 24:3-8 / Mt 13:24-30

| 2019 COLLECTIONS | MINISTER'S SCHEDULE JULY 27 & 28 | |
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| Regular & Holy Days Collection7/14/19\$2,777.002019 Total Regular Collection\$116,486.94Parish Project Collection7/14/19\$10.002019 Total Parish Project Collection\$20,302.00Archdiocesan Missionary Co-Op Collection | Sat. 7/27 5:30pm <u>Ushers</u> Lloyd Thompson Darlene O' Rourke <u>Lectors</u> 1) I. Vrazel 2) E. Coldsmith <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u> J C Martin S. Washington B. Cooper A. Cooper B. Kenny A. Kenny | |
| 7/14/19 \$391.00 | Sun. 7 ⁴ 28 8:30am <u>Ushers</u> | |
| The family of Margaret Deannire Mel acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy Aparts So much to all of you for your Kindness + Services for my mother. Also for the worderful food that was provided afterwards. all of this really means so much. Gob Bless: Terry Mail the family Markyou to Mrs. Joyce Ladnier for faithfully carrying communion to Mrs. Noel in the last years of her life. . Our Lady of Lourdes- | Ushers D. Dumas C. BoneyLectors 1) J. Owens 2) R. WellsExtraordinary Ministers L. Floyes E. Thornton M. Brierly J. Moore L. Lovvorn J. DickinsonSun. 7/28 11:00amUshers L. Lartigue Bubba Williams Lectors1) A. Tomas 2) S. DowellExtraordinary Ministers C. Snow M. Portella E. Lipscomb B. Gonzales MM Collier L. Dowell | |

who are no longer able to attend Mass.

66 Not all of us

with great love.

Mother Tere

We remain in need of volunteers to help carry communion to our many shut-ins. This ministry

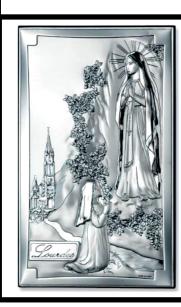
Parish. Please prayerfully consider helping in the rewarding service of bringing Christ to those

is vital to the spiritual care of those who have spent their entire lives at Our Lady of Lourdes

Page 5 MASS **INTENTIONS** MONDAY **JULY 22** 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE TUESDAY **JULY 23** 5:30PM + GERALD VRAZEL WEDNESDAY **JULY 24** 8:00 AM + GERALD VRAZEL THURSDAY **JULY 25** 8:00 AM + MICHAEL SCOTT FRIDAY **JULY 26** 8:00 AM + CYNTHIA SNOW SATURDAY **JULY 27** 5:30PM + GEORGE WILSON SUNDAY **JULY 28** 8:30AM + BILL DUMAS 11:00 AM FOR PARISHIONERS

Prayer List

Rhonda Adams, Tim Anderson, Dale Andrews, Karen Andrews, Richard Anthony, Margaret Arns, Vivian Bacot, Bob Balzli, Anita Barclay, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Bertagnolli, Don Bertagnoli, Chloe Beshears, Bodeem Blankenship, Blake Blackston, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Toni Boney, Logan Bowers, Sara Bratt, Kateria Brewer, Jason Brown, Jean Brown, Paul Burch, Sr., Pat Burch, John Buhring, Lorrie Burgess, Conrad Burkhardt, David Burris, Marguerite Burris, McKenzie Butterwick, Boatie Campbell, Wendi Campbell, Frankie Cayton, Ami Cheatham, Mary Myers Clark, Rick Claxton, Theresa Coleman, Garrett Colvin, Evelyn Cooper, Helen Couch, Anita Cowart, Claudia Daniel, Patricia Davis, Susie DeWitt, Teresa Dezenburg, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorrierty, Roberta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, John Edwards, Josh Ellis, George Erickson, Johnny Finch, Lynne Floyes, Raymond Floyes, Betty Foster, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Randy Fuller, Janet Gafford, Tim Frontz, Logan Frye, Ron Garrick, Guillermo Gomez, Marilu Gomez, Joyce Goodman, Walter Grimes, Greg Hampton, Irene Guess, Margaret Guess, Colleen Hill, Kate Hodge, Diana Holifield, Keith Holified, Randy Hooks, Buddy Hulgan, Alaina Hulsey, Chrissy Irby, Elyssa Jacobs, Erin Jackson, Henry Johnson, Joshua Johnson, J.S. Johnson, Kaleb Johnson, Ginny Johnston, Mary Ann Keith, Billy Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Marshall Kern, Ed Kimbrough, June King, James King Jr., Philip Larson, Polly Lartique, Alfred Leonard, Matthew Lewis, Diane Little, Nancy Cowart Little, Beth Ellen Lloyd, John Loden, Fred Lorge, Joan Lorge, Paul Lyle, Amanda McDonald, Charles McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Shirly McDonald, Donna Magaldine, Mary Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Trissie Martin, Kamden McKeough, Stephanie Melton, Helen Merchant, Dolores Merren, May Merren, Faye Methaney, Alana Voivedich Mey, Louis Meyers, Alaina Mickel, Priscilla Miller, Jean Morgan, Archie Moore, Margaret Moore, Marcie Morrow, Cindy Mount, Garrett Mount, Ernestine Murrill, Rose Marie Murphy, Blake Myers, Johnathan Myers, Michael Myles, Paul Naylor, Tiffany Neese, Wally Neese, Ella Rose Norris, Kelly North, Mike Nunnery, Darlene O'Rourke, Agnes Parker, Summer Patterson, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Barbara Phillips, Randy Phillips, Dana Pickel, Sue Pitt, Larraine Carol Provost, Tracey Ransom, Rennie Pitt, Jr., Elizabeth Purcell, Holley Reese, Serina Reeves, Gerald Resso, Belinda Richard, Terri Richey, Jimmy Robinson, Marlen Rodriguez, Robert Salva, Jun Santiago, Richard Santiago, Michelle Saynor, Laura Lee Seargent, Grayson Scott, Patsy Sealy, Simon Schum, Stevie Shaw, Kay Shaw, Briley Shirah, Dorothy Simon, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Allison Spillman, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Sally Stokely, Todd Stringfellow, Chuck Sullivan, Ronald Summerlin, Cecilia Taylor, Charles Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Gwen Thomas, Rita Tillman, Robert Todd, Belinda Tomplait, Cecil Tucker, Dede Unger, Tyler Upton, Nita Van Devender, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Frances Ward, Wayne Ward, Gary Warner, Albert Washington, Sallie Washington, Brad Wells, Mark Westbrook, Ralph Wheat, Marlene Whisenhant, Leroy Wiese, Stephen Weise, Kenny Wiggins, Buddy Wilder, Heather Willamor, Bubba Williams, Kelly Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Agnes Worley, Ashley Wypick, Carol Ziebert, Christopher Zimerman.



O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen

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Pray For Our Active Military

Austin Booth Army

Dominic French Army

Jordan Guidry Marines

Austin M. Goodin Marines

Fr. Paul A. Halladay Major US Army

Matthew Ladnier Coast Guard

Kenneth L. McAlman 1st Lt. US Army

Captain Alex Mileshko Army

Corie Demetri Mitchell Army

> Kevin O'Rourke Coast Guard

Sam Schoolfield Jr. Marine Reserves

Sam Schoolfiled Sr. Marines

Jerrick Thompson Army Reserves

Quentin Porter-Washington Air Force Reserves

As you are praying daily for each of the names printed on our prayer list, please take a moment to check for any names that might need to be removed. For changes to the Prayer List please call the church office.

July 2019

Fr. Marcin will be on vacation from June 29th –July 16th

| Sun | Mon | Тие | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Communion Service 8am | 2 Communion Service 8am Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm | 3 Communion Service 8am | 4 Independence Day Communion Service 8am Office Closed | 5 Communion Service 8am Office Closed | 6 NO 8:00 am FIRST SATURDAY MASS Fr. William Saucier Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm |
| 7 Fr. Marcin Mass 8:30am and 11:00am | 8 Communion Service 8am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 9 Communion Service 8am Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm | 10 Communion Service 8am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 11 Communion Service 8am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 12 Communion Service 8am | 13 Fr. William Saucier Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm |
| 14 Fr. Norbert Jurek K of C Monthly Breakfast 9:30am Mass 8:30am and 11:00am | 15 Communion Service 8am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 16 Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm | | 18 Mass 8:00am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 19 office closed Mass 8:00am | 20 Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm |
| 21 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am K of C #8740 Meeting 9:45 am | 22 office closed Communion Service 8am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 23 Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm | | 25 Mass 8:00am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 26 Mass 8:00am Cooking Demonstration 7pm | 27 Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm Basketball Tournament in Gymnasium 10am until |
| 28 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am | 29 Communion Service 8am Basketball League in Gym 6:00pm | 30 Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm | | | | |