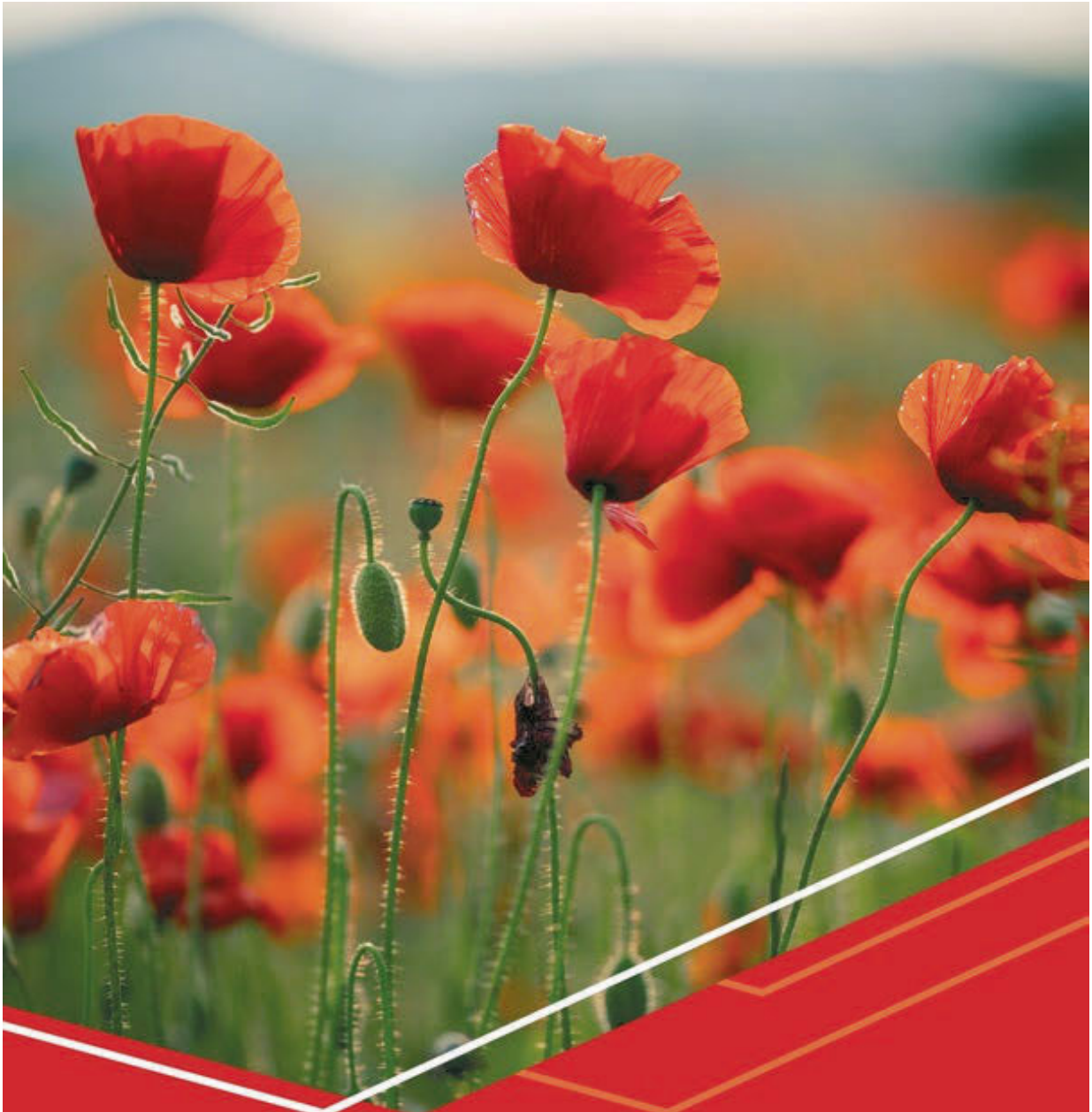




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JULY 20, 2025



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

FROM FR. DEO

July, 20, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with You! My Sunday meditation focuses on the virtue of hospitality. How do we welcome and tend to God in our neighbor? Christian hospitality is not only about good manners such as welcoming someone into our home, offering a meal, or greeting a parish member at church. It has a deeper meaning. Hospitality allows us to encounter the presence of God in others, especially in those in whom we least expect to find Him, and to share our love with them. The first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha extended the hospitality to Jesus by preparing a meal for Him, while her sister Mary, spent time talking to Jesus and listening to Him.

In Mary and Martha, we see two forms of exercising hospitality. Mary's hospitality begins with presence. What people need most today is to be present to them: to be truly seen, deeply heard and welcomed without judgment. Martha's hospitality is a way of extending God's love to others. She is the model of a perfect host. Every time we open our hearts, homes, and our church to others, we are reflecting God's own welcome. In our parish, hospitality might include (but not limited to) greeting someone new, sharing a cup of coffee, being attentive to those who sit alone, and making people feel that they belong to our community.

St Luke also portrays what seems to be a normal domestic scene, to deliver Jesus' powerful message about discipleship, and what really matters in our life. Martha is busy preparing a meal for Jesus. However, she becomes increasingly anxious and distracted and eventually frustrated. She says to Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me." It's a normal human reaction. Many of us have been in Martha's shoes, feeling overwhelmed and unappreciated. Jesus responds to her gently: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." Jesus is not criticizing Martha for serving, but He reminds her that her busy service should not prevent her from being present to Him. While Martha prioritizes serving her Guest, Mary, by contrast, chooses to sit and listen. She chooses relationship over responsibility, presence over productivity.

Mary reminds us that discipleship begins by sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to His Word, and letting Him speak to our hearts. Just being present to Him is a grace and peace-filling experience that we all need. That's the "better part" that Jesus is inviting us to choose. Being present to him enables us to exercise our Martha moments by extending Christ's love to others. However, there is no separation or preference between Mary and Martha, but a matter of priority between two complementary models of Christian life: to live Mary's way as much as Martha's way. Mary's way (contemplation) leads to Martha's way (service) and vice versa. So today, ask yourself: Am I more like Martha or Mary? We need both Mary and Martha's moments in our daily life.

In the parish news, I'm slowly getting acquainted with the parish, meeting people through parish and social events, and learning more about the neighborhood. Thanks for your hospitable spirit. I really love our parish community! I'm planning to meet with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, the coordinators of groups and ministries to get to know what they do, how they operate, their challenges and expectations. I also invite any parishioner who would like to start or be part of a ministry, to please contact the office. I will be with you in spirit this weekend as I will be away doing a Mission Appeal at St John XXIII Parish. I will keep you in my prayers as I asked you to pray for my mission.

Have a Blessed Sunday!

In Christ,
Fr. Deo



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at His feet and listen to Him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the “one necessary thing.” He praises her for she “has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir



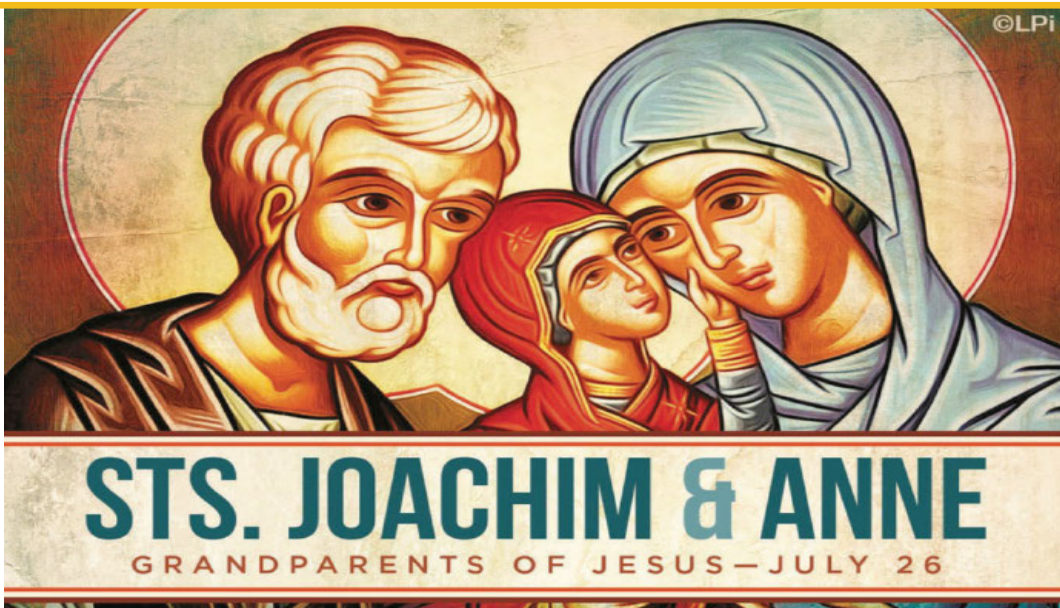
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Pope Leo: God's Creation is Not a Battleground for Vital Resources

As the Church prepares to mark the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2025, Pope Leo XIV's message for the occasion urges Christians and all people of goodwill to recognize the urgent need for environmental and social justice in a world increasingly scarred by climate change, conflict, and inequality.

Entitled *Seeds of Peace and Hope* and released on July 2, the Pope's message resonates with the spirit of the ongoing Jubilee Year, calling the faithful to embrace their role as "pilgrims of hope" and stewards of God's creation.

Echoing the prophetic words of Isaiah, Pope Leo invites the global community to envision a transformation of today's "arid and parched desert" into "a fruitful field." This biblical vision, he explains, is not a poetic metaphor but an urgent call to action in the face of alarming ecological and human crises.

Quoting extensively from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* in the year of its 10th anniversary, he writes, "Injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities, and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity."

Linking environmental destruction to the exploitation of the poor and marginalized, he highlights the disproportionate suffering of indigenous communities and the widening gap between rich and poor as hallmarks of a system that treats nature as a commodity rather than a common home.

He laments the fact that nature itself has become "a bargaining chip," subjected to policies and practices that prioritize profit over people and the planet. From agricultural lands riddled with landmines to conflicts over water and raw materials, Pope Leo paints a sobering picture of a creation "turned into a battleground" for control and domination.

These wounds, he says, are "the effect of sin," a betrayal of the biblical command not to dominate creation, but to "till and keep" it, a call to cultivate and preserve the Earth through a relationship of care and responsibility.

The Pope's message reaffirms the Church's commitment to an "integral ecology," a concept at the heart of *Laudato si'*. Environmental justice, the Holy Father affirms, is not an abstract or secondary concern but a "duty born of faith."

"For believers," he writes, "the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed." In this light, caring for the planet becomes not only an ecological necessity but also a profoundly spiritual and moral vocation.

Encouraging concrete action, Pope Leo calls for perseverance and love in sowing "seeds of justice" that will, in time, bear the fruits of peace. He cites the *Borgo Laudato Si'* project at Castel Gandolfo as a tangible example of how education and community life rooted in ecological values can shape a just and hopeful future.

"This may take years," the Pope acknowledges, "but years that involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love."

Concluding his message with a prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit, Pope Leo XVI invokes the hope of the risen Christ as the guiding light for a world longing for healing.

"May [*Laudato si'*] continue to inspire us," he writes, "and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow."

- from Vatican News Service



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SATURDAY JULY 19, 2025

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family
John & Helen Ptak

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
9:00 AM — Julie Albert, souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Theresa Cicchetti, Dennis J. Mroz
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Evangelina
Rubio Medina, Pedro Barrera, Jose Sacramento
Suarez (20th anniversary), Margarita Aviles, Angel
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MONDAY JULY 21, 2025

8:30 AM — Raffaella Mucerino

TUESDAY JULY 22, 2025

8:30 AM — Victims of the Texas flooding
11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
6:30 PM — Carmen Caraballo Rosario

WEDNESDAY JULY 23, 2025

8:30 AM — Charles Jacobucci family

THURSDAY JULY 23, 2025

8:30 AM — Luz Cruz
6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY JULY 25, 2025

8:30 AM — Pope Leo XIV

SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025

8:30 AM — Rwanda Station School Students
5:00 PM — Don Love, Joey Dudek

SUNDAY JULY 27, 2025

7:30 AM — Alexander Kolinski & Walter Dyjak
(birthdays), Helen Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Ann,
Joseph, Estelle, & Rose Dyjak, Edward Dyjak (1st anniv.)
9:00 AM — Carmen Rosario Castro, souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Rosalie & Jennie Abbinanti, Ann Swanson,
Vita Scarlata, Dennis J. Mroz
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez,
Cesar Hernandez Marin, Evangelina Rubio Medina,
Pedro Barrera

Presider Schedule - July 26 & 27

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano
7:30 a.m. — Fr. Deo / organ
9:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / piano
11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ
1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Deo

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
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Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene
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Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Friday: St. James, Apostle
Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col
1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt
12:38-42
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5
-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-
26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,
55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt
13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
(3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

*"If you, therefore,
are Christ's body and members,
It is your own mystery
that is placed on the Lord's table!
It is your own mystery that you are receiving!
You are saying 'Amen' to what you are:
your response is a personal signature,
affirming your faith.
When you hear 'The body of Christ,'
you reply 'Amen.'
Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your
'Amen' may ring true!"*

— St. Augustine

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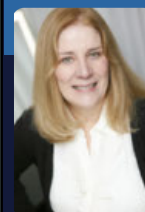
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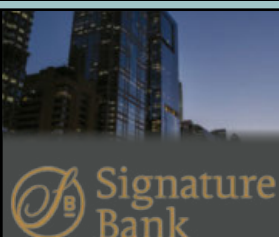
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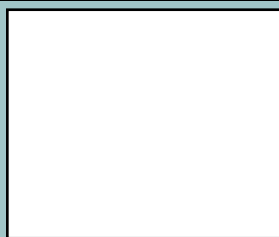
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