



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

MASS SCHEDULE Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

> OFFICE HOURS Mon - Wed - Fri. 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2025

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PATRON SAINT OF CANADA, NATIVE AMERICANS, ECOLOGISTS, ENVIRONMENT, EXILES, ORPHANS, PEOPLE RIDICULED FOR THEIR PIETY, AND THE PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED.

CANONIZED BY POPE BENEDICT XVI ON OCTOBER 21, 2012



(Pronounced ['gaderi dega'gwita] in Mohawk), given the name Tekakwitha as a child to mean "she who bumps into things." because she had poor eye sight from contracting smallpox and often needed to feel her way around. She was baptized as Catherine ("Kateri" in Mohawk), and informally known as Lily of the Mohawks because lillies bloom for a short period of time.

When Tekakwitha was around the age of thirteen, in accord with tribal custom, her uncle arranged for her to be married to a young man her age. When told of her engagement, she refused it. "I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, the Son of Mary, and He alone I have chosen as a husband, and He alone will take me for a wife."

Tekakwitha ran off into the woods and eventually met Father Jacques de Lamberville and declared to him she wished to become Catholic. On Easter Sunday, 1676, at age twenty she was baptized. After her baptism, Kateri was persecuted and ridiculed by others within her settlement. Because she would not work on Sundays, she was refused food on those days. Children taunted her and threw rocks at her in response to their parents' criticism. She was even threatened with torture and death. When she did die at the age of twenty-four, onlookers recount her smallpox scars disappeared within 15 minutes of her death.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/14: Bobby King

7/15: Valentina Duque-Castano,

Mason Hubbard

7/16: Maureen Leccese, Augustin Morales, Cheryl Kelley,

Chris Damore

7/17: Chris Springer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for **July 6**, 2025 In-Church Offering: \$8,541.50 Online Offering: \$4,083.17 Total Offertory: **\$12,624.67**

CSA Participation as of **July 6**, 2025 Pledged: \$125,987 Given: \$109,689 Families Participating: **135** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha's Prayer:

"Saint Kateri, you fell in love with God at an early age and never abandoned Him. You persevered through difficulties and remained faithful to Jesus, your Spouse. Please pray for me, that I may discover your purity of heart and radiate my love for God as beautifully as you did. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."



St. Bonaventure is the patron saint of bowel disorders, the Franciscan Order, and also of theologians. He is also sometimes invoked for those seeking healing for their souls. He was given the title "Seraphic Doctor".

This patronage stems from a legend that St. Bonaventure was cured of a serious childhood bowel illness after St. Francis of Assisi prayed for him.

Known for his profound theological works, particularly "The Journey of the Mind to God," St. Bonaventure is considered one of the great thinkers of the Middle Ages.

Bonaventure was born in Italy in 1221 and died in 1274. His memorial day is July 15.

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Carolyn Elizabeth, the daughter of Hank and Marisa Glenn, became the newest baptized in faith at the Basilica last Sunday during mass.



Recent reports indicate a notable increase in the number of new Catholics, particularly in the United States and globally. Some dioceses in the US are experiencing significant year-over-year growth in converts, with some seeing increases of 30% to 70%. This surge in conversions is particularly pronounced among younger generations like Gen Z. The global Catholic population has also seen a rise, with a 1.15% increase between 2022 and 2023, reaching 1.406 billion.

The time is now to consider becoming Catholic...

OCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 27

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TEENAGER ASKS POPE LEO...

"Did you go to Mass as a child?"

"Of course!" Pope Leo answered enthusiastically. "Always, every Sunday, with Mom and Dad." He then shared memories from his childhood in Chicago: "Around age six, I was also an altar server in my parish. Before going to school — it was a parish school — we would attend 6:30 a.m. Mass. Mom always woke us up saying, 'Let's go to Mass." Serving at Mass was something he truly enjoyed. "From an early age, I was taught that Jesus is always near, that He is your best friend, and Mass was a way to find that friend, to be with Jesus — even before my First Communion.

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THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of July 13, 2025

SUNDAY

(9 AM) Jennifer Brantz †

For the People of the Basilica

MONDAY SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Charles Morgan †

TUESDAY
SAINT BONAVENTURE
Edward Sienicki †

WEDNESDAY Louis Robert and Mary Frances Sarosdy †

> THURSDAY Fr. Malachi Kitrick †

FRIDAY Leida and Patricia Benoit †

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