

Weekly Calendar

Sun., July 20: Adult Catechism, 4:00 pm,
church basement

Wed., July 23: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Sun., July 27: Growing in Faith program,
immediately following 9:00 Mass

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 20: For the People
Custer Mass †For Richard Parker
by Juliette Stookey



Mon., July 21: No Mass

Tues., July 22: †For Delores Luther
by Etta Kollekowski

Wed., July 23: †For Father Fabian Fehring
by Jim & Sue Seykora

Thurs., July 24: _____

Fri., July 25: _____

Sat., July 26: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's Month of June 2025
Sat., July 12: \$ 1,028.00 Income: \$ 7,215.50
Sun., July 13: \$ 1,338.00 Expenses: \$ 13,729.85
St. Mary's \$ (6,514.35)
Sun., July 13: \$ 50.00

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Sat., July 26	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., July 27	Leizel Ferido	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Aug 2	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 3	Juvi Mula	Visencia Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Lect 108—Year C)

Abraham does not realize that he is encountering the Lord when he welcomes three traveling strangers that hot afternoon. He invites them to eat, drink, and rest, providing hospitality above and beyond what was expected in his culture. Only after one of the visitors tells him that his elderly wife Sarah will bear a son does Abraham realize who they are. Similarly, Paul had certainly not expected to encounter the Lord on his way to Damascus to arrest more Christians. But after the risen Lord reveals himself, he tells Paul that he has chosen him to proclaim his name to all people, Jews and Gentiles alike, and to reveal the “mystery hidden from ages and from generations past”: that salvation is offered to all, that all may be made perfect in Christ (Colossians 1:26). Mary may have know of Jesus when her sister Martha welcomed him into their home, but the way he holds her spellbound suggests that she had not anticipated such a powerful encounter with him. On any given day we too may be surprised when we encounter the Lord, whether in prayer, kin God’s word, in our neighbor in need, or in the Eucharist. May we welcome him as well, choosing to spend time in his presence, for this is “the better part and it will not be taken from (us)” (Luke 10:42).

When have you been surprised by the Lord’s presence in a special way?

Fiscal Year ending 6.30.25
Income: \$ 96,494.29
Expenses \$ 110,434.86
Net Loss \$ (13,940.57)

God is good all the time:
all the time God is good!

A Prayer for Peace & Calm
May today there be peace within.
May you trust your highest
power that you are exactly
where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite
possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you
have received, and pass on the
love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing
you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into
your bones, and allow your soul
the freedom to sing, dance.
It is there for each and
every one of you.
Amen.

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Good News!

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Genesis 18:1-10a / Colossians 1:24-28 /
Luke 10:38-42

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

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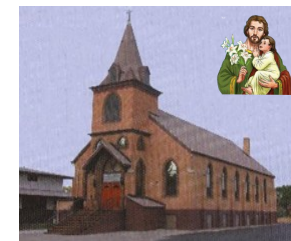
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For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



Mass Schedule
St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass

and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Dear Padre,

"Lead us not into temptation..." God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that "lead us not into temptation" is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say "do not lead us into temptation."

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, "falling into temptation," and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●



The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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