

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, July 21, 9:15 am
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

For the souls (†) of Antonio and Concetta Zullo
requested by Connie Barth

There will be no 5:00 pm Mass
on Wednesday, July 24.

The intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, July 28, 9:15 am
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

For the soul (†) of Lucille Merchant
requested by her daughter and family
and for the souls (†) of Edward and Lillian Wagner
requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

There is no 2nd Collection today.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024	
Offertory	\$655.00
Fuel	\$335.00
Candles	\$42.00
Mass intentions	\$10.00
6-30-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,042.00
There were 74 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$568.48
TOTAL ONLINE	\$568.48
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$1,610.48

Please keep Fr. Sebastian in your prayers as he leaves Monday July 22nd on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes!

**BON VOYAGE,
FR. SEBASTIAN**

Sunday Masses will be covered, but there will be no weekday Masses at either church.



Do you have your copy of the July/August Issue of the Diocesan magazine, PARABLE?

If you are a registered parishioner, you should be receiving each issue at your home address.

Extra copies are available on the table in the church vestibule.

Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our community prosper.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
 July 28: Church Maintenance
 August 4: Heralds of Good News (Fr. Sebastian's Order)
 August 11: Fuel

ONGOING COLLECTIONS
 2024 NH Catholic Appeal
 \$3,655.00, 24 donors (48% of goal)
 Grand Annual Collection

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 24/7 near the tabernacle in all Catholic Churches in honor of the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

It burns this week in memory of Phyllis McKenney requested by Larry and Jean Duval.



Please welcome Mr. Stephen Pinel, today's Guest Organist, who is vacationing in the area. Stephen was instrumental in obtaining our Midmer & Son Pipe Organ at no cost to our Parish.

Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
 Suggested donation: \$10.00.

THANK YOU to Tristan Smith, son of David & Sherri Smith, for assisting us in making several updates to our website this past weekend.

Please take a moment to see these new links on the home page menu at stjosephclaremont.org

NHCA is a direct link to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal page, which includes a youtube video message from Bishop Libasci and the option to make an on line donation.

CALENDAR has been given a more user-friendly format.

CATHOLIC LINKS

Church Open Near Me, a handy way to find nearby churches and Mass times when traveling, has been added.

Feast Days and Memorials

July 24 : St Sharbel Makhluf, 1828-1898, Priest

Youssef Antoun Makhlouf was born in the northern part of Lebanon. His Christian upbringing gave him a passion for prayer. Two of his uncles were monks in St Antonious Kozhaya monastery, and he decided to adopt the monastic life too. He lived in the hermitage for twenty-three years, devoting his life to prayer and worship. He became ill while saying Mass and died on Christmas Eve. His grave became a pilgrimage site with hordes of petitioners seeking his intercession for healing and spiritual graces.

July 24: St. Kinga of Poland, 1224-1292

Patron of Poland & Lithuania, and of salt miners

The daughter of a Hungarian king, Kinga was born into a saintly family. Her younger sister Margaret, their aunt Elizabeth of Hungary and great-aunt Hedwig of Andechs, Germany, were also canonized saints and her sister Yolanda has been beatified. She and the Polish prince Bolesław V, each took vows of chastity when their marriage was arranged for the sake of their kingdoms. Princess Kinga devoted her life to charitable works such as visiting the poor and aiding lepers. After Bolesław was killed in battle, Kinga sold all her material possessions and gave the money to the poor. She then became a nun of the Poor Clares, giving up her royal position. Known as Święta Kinga in Poland and Szent Kinga in Hungary, she was beatified in 1690 and canonized in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.

The Legend of Saint Kinga

There is a popular legend about Saint Kinga bringing salt to Poland as a wedding gift from the mines in Hungary. Deep inside the salt mine at Wieliczka, the legend is illustrated with life-size salt carvings of a miner presenting a lump of rock salt to Princess Kinga. St Kinga's Chapel, 330 feet underground, is an elaborately carved room in the salt. It includes an altar, chandeliers, a wall panel of the Last Supper and a statue of Pope John Paul II. The Polish salt mines of Wieliczka and Bochnia are World Heritage Sites. A collection of photos can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/mwf8a55s>

July 25: St. James, Apostle

Patron of pilgrims, Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua

James, brother of John, is called "the Greater" because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name. Herod Agrippa ordered his execution. He was the first of the Twelve to be martyred.

July 26: Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Although there is no historical evidence of Mary's ancestry, including her parents' names, we honor them for raising her as worthy to be chosen as the Mother of God. Prayer: Parents of Mary, pray for all parents that they may provide the loving home and faith faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen

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Sunday, July 21, 2024

Jer 23: 1-6; Ps 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6;
Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6: 30-34

Monday July 22, 2024

Sgs 3: 1-4b or 2 Cor 5: 14-17;
Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;
Ps 85: 2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday July 24, 2024

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4a,
5-6ab, 15 and 17; Mt 13: 1-9

Thursday, July 25, 2024

2 Cor 4: 7-15; Ps 126: 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3,
4-5, 6; Mt 20: 20-28

Friday, July 26, 2024

Jer 3: 14-17; Jer 31: 10,
11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13: 18-23

Saturday July 27, 2024

Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11; Mt 13: 24-30



Home Visitation of Pilgrim Image of

Our Lady of Guadalupe

If you would like this very special Image to visit your home for a week, please contact Juanita Sweet at: juanitajoy2@gmail.com or 603-477-1348.

WELCOME
To Our Parish

Questions *and* Answers

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For Catholics

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One of the best ways to learn is to ask questions. Interestingly, the most significant summary of our Catholic faith was written by St. Thomas Aquinas (called the Summa Theologica – Summary of Theology) and is set up in a question-and-answer format. It's hard to believe an answer if you don't understand the question it is addressing. The Q&A below is no Summa Theologica, but hopefully some of these reflections will answer questions that are important to you.

Q. My friend's Bible has different chapters from mine. Why are they different?

A. First of all, let me say that it is always a blessing to know that someone is interested in the Bible! Many Bibles just collect dust on our bookshelves. I hope that you and your friend keep up your interest in the Bible and read it often.

It's true that since the early 1500s there has been disagreement among Christians on which books should be included in the Bible. But as early as 382 A.D., the Catholic Church explicitly named the books of the Bible as we have them today. And for the three centuries prior to that, the books in our Bible today were commonly used—and accepted as authentically by God—by saints, popes, and so many of the early Church fathers.

Today's difference in Bibles is that the Catholic Church accepts seven Old Testament books of the Bible (Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiastes, Baruch, First and Second Maccabees) and parts of two others ([Esther 10:14 to 16:14](#); and [Daniel 3:24- 90; 13; 14](#)) that are not necessarily included in Protestant versions of the Bible.

Some Christian denominations completely reject these additional books, and some put them together in the back of the Bible, naming them the “apocryphal” books (meaning “doubtful” or “uninspired”).

So what's the problem? Why the difference? The essential difference is this: those books that were challenged and called into question in the 1500s are Old Testament books for which we have no Hebrew translation. The only early pre-Christian copies that we have of those books are in Greek and were therefore primarily used by Greek-speaking Jews prior to the time of Jesus. All of the other books in the Old Testament also have early copies in Hebrew and were used by many other Jews prior to the time of Jesus.

Please, keep reading that Bible! And if you bump into a friend with a Bible containing different chapters than yours, you might want to use that as an opportunity to look at those different chapters together. This would be a great way for the two of you to learn and grow in your faith together!

See the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at uscgb.org for their list of *Approved Translations of the Bible*. On the back of the title page, a Catholic edition of the Bible will have an *imprimatur*, the official notice by a Bishop that this edition of the Bible was printed with the approval of the Roman Catholic Church.

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know is not able to leave their home, and would like to receive a visit from Father Sebastian on the 2nd Monday of every month, contact the Homebound Ministry. Steve Denis, Director, is assisted by Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin and Gary Lambert. Call Steve at 603-558-5209.

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn



THANK YOU to those who have spiritually adopted an unborn child through the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Mary Parish. Information is available at the back of the church. Contact Juanita Sweet 603-477-1348 or juanitajoy2@gmail.com

**Hymns for
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 343
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Offertory Hymn: No. 348
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy "

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional: No. 356
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



**THERE WILL BE NO
CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. July 24**

**Mass Readings
B/624**

Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	
Mandy Albanese	John Arsenault
Brenda	Anne Cherry
Chris Currier	Jean Drena
Frederick Gallant	Isabella Gowell
Stephen Grogan	Deborah Hemingway
Karen Ouellette	Brenda Ruest
Janet Ruest	Bob St. Aubin
Darlene St.Aubin	Barbara Trask
Chee Chee Tyrrell	Janice Vilgats
Joshua White	

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, and then notify Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after Mass or send an email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com



THANK YOU
to all who helped with our
**Coffee Hour Sunday and to all
who joined us after Mass.**
Our Coffee Hours are scheduled for
the 2nd Sunday of the month.
Our next one will be on August 11.

CONFESSIONS
St. Mary Church
Friday 9:30 am
Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00
Available after Mass
in the Parish Hall.

Safety and Security

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your car doors when
attending events in the church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
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change)**

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like put into future bulletins, please
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other parishes to put notices in our
bulletin. Our space is limited, so our
policy is to limit our notices to those
relating to St. Joseph and St. Mary
Churches, notices requested by our
Pastor and Bishop, events we are
participating in that are sponsored
by other area churches, and Polish
cultural events in the Northeast. We
thank you for understanding that
space would become unmanage-
able if we honored every request
that comes in.

CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday August 3rd

4:30 – 6:30 pm

St Joseph Church Hall

Elm St

Claremont, NH

**Chicken Cacciatore
Pasta, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert,
and Beverage**

\$15.00

Dine In or Take Out



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church schedule, please send us an email.

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

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tion, on our website **stjosephclaremont.org**

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St Josephs (plural)
but the website address is singular
(St Joseph)**

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of our bulletin because of travel,
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