



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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July 3, 2011

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule - St. Luke Church

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mon., to Sat.
Liturgy of the Hours following 8 a.m. daily Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena - Tues. after the 8 a.m Mass
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:45 p.m. Saturdays

Mass Schedule - St. Lawrence Church

Daily Mass: 6:45 a.m. & 7 p.m. Mon-Fri
Saturday: 4:15 Confessions & 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sundays: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 1 p.m. Spanish Mass
Confessions: M-F 6:30 to 6:50 p.m.

Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mon., after 7 p.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tues., after 7 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Perpetual Novena

Every Thursday after morning and evening mass

OUR LADY'S GIFT SHOP

St. Lawrence Church Site
Candles, prayer cards, Rosaries,
Communion, Confirmation items,
statues and many more religious
items

NOW OPEN!

After the following Masses:
Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. & Sunday, 1 p.m.



Horario Misas:

Cada jueves, 6:00pm

Cada domingo, 1:00pm

Bautismos de los niños:

Los cuartos domingos durante la Santa Misa, 1:00pm

Charlas para los cursos prebautismales (padres y padrinos); los terceros domingos despues de la Santa Misa, 2:30pm

Matrimonio:

Por favor, habla con el Padre para informacion de cursos prematrimoniales y todas las reglas para las boda Catolica

Grupo Juvenil

Pm Grupo Juvenil en el Centro Juvenil St. Juan Diego, jueves 7 pm

Movimiento Juan 23

Reunion en Cafeteria los martes de 7 pm a 9 pm

Encuentros

Sabados alas 7:00PM – 10:00PM Renovacion carismatica en cafeteria

Lunes

7 pm-9 pm Rica formacion de los adultos cafeteria.

Infant Baptism

2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m., Lindenwold campus. Catechesis for parents and sponsors takes place on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm. Arrangements are to be made in advance at the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation

For those desiring to become Catholic, or for Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the Parish Office for information.

Priesthood or Consecrated Life

For those interested in becoming a Priest or entering the Consecrated Life (i.e. Religious Brother or Sister) please call the Parish Office or see one of the Priests of the parish.

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency, ANY TIME, day or night, please call the Parish Office number above, and listen to the prompt that will direct you. The sick will be anointed at home any time by request. Communal anointing of the sick and elderly will be celebrated in the church as announced.

Communion for the Sick

Call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

Marriage

Ideally, Catholic marriages take place at Mass. To insure proper preparation, arrangements should be made one year in advance. Because of the preparation needed, six months

MASSES for the WEEK

S-Stratford Church L-Lindenwold Church

Saturday, July 2, 2011

S 8:00 a. m. Nancy Vacca
R/b Her Loving Family

S 4:30 p. m. Paul Stamato
R/b McClintock Clan

L 5:00 p.m. All deceased members of Antonucci & DeClemente Families
R/b De Clemente Family

L 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, July 3, 2011

L 7:30 a.m. Eleanor Moke
R/b Michael Brennan & Family

L 9:30 a.m. Joseph Mulhearn
R/b Tom & Betty Miller

S 11:30 a.m. Catherine DiAmico
R/b Eddie & Pat McCarthy

L 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

S 5:00 p.m. Anthony Ciccone
R/b Anne Happ

Monday, July 4, 2011 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

L 6:45 a.m. Richard H. Smith
R/b McElroy Family

S 8:00 a.m. Jean Thomson
R/b Edward Biel

L 7:00 p.m. Shane Bair
R/b De Clemente Family

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

L 6:45 a.m. John A. Green
R/b Ora Wooster & Family

S 8:00 a.m. Mercedes Nardi
R/b Linda Springle & Family

L 7:00 p.m. Ann Lacey
R/b Nephew, Eugene Ryan & Family

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

L 6:45 a.m. "a favor received through the Sacred Heart"
R/b Julia Sumarraga

S 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. William Hodges - 64th Wedding Anniversary
R/b Their Loving Family

L 7:00 p.m. Edith Halligan
R/b Marie Halligan

Thursday, July 7, 2011

L 6:45 a.m. John Hopkins
R/b Dolores Orihel

S 8:00 a.m. Mercedes Nardi
R/b Bob & Ruth Luczak

L 6:00 p. m. Spanish Mass

L 7:00 p. m. Reynaldo Nieva
R/b Carol Hagan & Family

Friday, July 8, 2011

L 6:45 a.m. T.J. McClintock, Jr.
R/b Ma & McClan

S 8:00 a. m. Thomas Doherty
R/b His Loving Family

L 7:00 p. m. Scintar Mejia
R/b Chua Family

Saturday, July 9, 2011

S 8:00 a. m. John Murphy
R/b Mrs. Irene Wolick

S 4:30 p. m. Joseph Mulhearn
R/b John & Joanne Correia

L 5:00 p.m. Edison Giacomucci
R/b Betsy Hallowell

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23;
 Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13;
 Mt 11:25-30

The sanctuary lamp at the Stratford Church burns in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ruth & Jerry Roderick
 The Blessed Mother candle burns in loving memory of John Opperman, *requested by His Loving Wife & Family*



The St. Joseph candle burns in loving memory of Marie Rossi, *requested by Her Loving Husband*
 The sanctuary lamp at the Lindenwold Church burns in celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Rosemarie & Kenneth Heise, *requested by Rosemarie Heise*

Collections for June 25th & 26th



Ordinary: \$16,269
Brazilian Missions: \$2666

Please pray for those in our Military

Brandon Carney	Jessica Carney
Thomas Flynn	Rev. Christopher Kopec
Alicia McCollum	Michael Mortka

N. J. National Guard Justin Jackson, III

Army

Thomas Backenson, M.D.	Megan Bailey
Mark Bergman	Kevin Bradley
Sean Bradley	Michael Delcampo
Jonathan Haubrich	T. J. Homan
Paul Kupiec	Craig Leib Jr.
Colin J. McElroy	Tarah Nichols
David Osisek	Chris A. Roesch
Todd Shriver	Robert Terry

Navy

Benjamin Kyler Drew Hance

U.S.M.C.

Michael Barikian	Ryan Dougherty
Trevor Dunkelberger	Matthew Eagan

Michael Turner

U. S. A. F.

John Early, Sr.	Thomas Early, Jr.
John Early, Jr.	James Early

Thomas J. Mackin

Parish Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish community. We want to know and serve you and we hope you become an active member of our parish. To register in the Parish you may call the **Parish** office at **856-627-2222** Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and we can mail or email you a form to complete and return by mail or you may go to our website: guadalupeparishnj.org to download the form. Young adults - remember to register yourselves on your 18th birthday! You no longer are under your parent's registration.



Consolation Ministry

In our continued efforts to identify and respond to the Spiritual needs of our Parish community, we have formed a Consolation Ministry to provide comfort, and a pathway to healing, to those who are grieving and suffering a loss in their lives. We will be holding a minimum of (4) six-week sessions, beginning **July 12th, 7 p.m. at the St. Lawrence School.** For more information, please call the Parish Office at 856-627-2222 or Bill Hughes at 856-435-2025.

"For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."
2 Corinthians 1:5-7



NOVENA TO ST. ANNE

**Beginning July 18th to her
Feast Day, July 26th
We continue the tradition of
St. Ann's Novena after the 7 p.m.
daily mass at the Lindenwold
church.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



WEDDING BANNS

**Melissa Dean & Antonio Illiano-2nd Bann
Shannon Allchin & Michael Hagan-1st Bann
Gregory Mirenda, Jr. & Adrienne Green-1st Bann**

Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials!

"To everything there is a season and time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...a time to be born..."

"...a time to embrace..."

"...a time to heal..."

Gloria Aceto, Anna Marie Agresti, Kevin Allen, Joseph Allen, Joseph Angelucci, Marie Anlate, Laura Antonio, Robert Bacisin, Frank Bada, Anna Grace Berry, Frances Barber, Rosemarie Berger, Richard Boston, Trudy Bove, James Boyle, William Buehler, Elizabeth Buehler, Tina Burke, Gail Capriotti, Anthony Catanella, Kylee Cimoineva, Sr., Joseph Colasurdo, Elaine Cook, Rich Cunane, Rose DeSalvor, Dr. Richard M. Dressler, Angela Ferriola, Bill Flanagan, Tom Flynn, Brian & Kurt Gahm, Emmanuel Galone, Patricia Goslin, Charles & Susan Greenman, Eugene Guido, Joan Guido, Luke Guido, Bernard Hartigan, Peter Herbert, Catherine Hodges, Marie Hunsicker, Nora Jacoby, Carole Katz, Mary Katz, Bill Klatt, George & Katherine Kniaz, Sharon Logiudice, Ruth Manella, Michele Mason, Joseph Mastrando, Joseph Matarazzo, Ava Maturo, Ray McCart, Jr., Cuyler McCausland, Dominic McDowell, Jack McGuigan, Kevin & Vickie McGuire, Carol Meehan, Bernice Mesisca, Ruby Moorehead, Terry Mulhearn, Dot Murtaugh, Marie Myers, Baby Andrew Newhouse, Jane O'Connor, Debbie Osisek, Cynthia Pandolfo, Marion Pandza, Doris Penn, Phylis Pfeiffer, Betty Pizzo, Thomas H. Powell, Tracey Reinert, Carl Richards, Trish Riebel, John Roach, Cindy Robertson, Maggie Russo, Mary Sanders, Tori Schmitz, Karen Schellhorn, Krista Sheehan, Steven Shute, Sue Moreno, Anne Springer, Julia St. Maur, Bill Steinert, Magdalen Stengel, Lillian & Lee Stiles, Vera Sutton, Frank Turchi, Eileen Turner, Kevin Turner, Cecelia Vitale, Barb Waddington, Barbara Walker, Eric Warner, Clara & Elizabeth Warrington, Bill Waples, Toni Welsh, Anna Worst

Please pray for those in the hospital:

Marie & James Analage, Sherry Burns, Valerie Cohen, Betty Lentz, Christopher O'Rourke

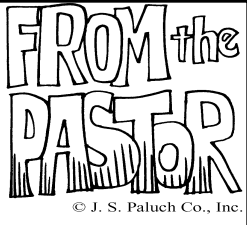
Please pray for those in nursing homes:

Marie Calabrese, Frances DiGiovanni, Theresa DiTullio, Ann James, Emily Jalonek, Phyllis Johnson, Theresa McCann, Helen Maloney, Evelyn Simmons, Eleanora Solly, and Theresa Taylor

"...a time to die..."

John Frank Hambly & Hugh McLaughlin





Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Our Lady of Guadalupe,

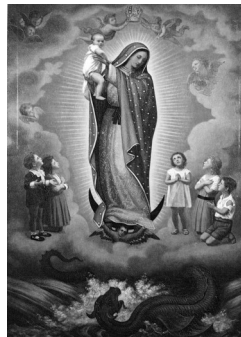
Sometimes when someone comes up to me after Mass and asks, “Can I speak to you for a minute?” I wonder. I wonder because: a. the person usually needs more than a minute and I’m often running off to the next thing or the next Mass and don’t have the time I would like to give to the person; or b. it’s a fifty-fifty chance that it’s going to be a positive minute or a negative minute. I don’t really mind the negative minutes if their thoughtful, constructive and sincere but usually the negative ones are simply someone who feels a burning need to vent. Oh well, part of the territory, I guess.

However, a couple of weeks ago a woman came up to me after a Mass and asked if she could speak to me for a minute. I didn’t recognize her but with all of the changes we’ve been experiencing it isn’t unusual that she is a new parishioner to our parish. It turns out that she wasn’t a new parishioner nor was she an established parishioner. She was a visitor who has had family in the parish for many years. She and her husband would come up from Delaware and visit and would often “make Mass” before they got on their way Sunday morning. She wanted to speak with me for a minute because she wanted to tell what she has noticed since our parish was formed almost a year and a half ago. She said that she has noticed many more people at Mass no matter which of the Masses she has attended. She mentioned that she has enjoyed the music ministry much more. She loves the number of children who come forward who want to participate in the children’s Liturgy of the Word, especially when she sees their little faces after they return from the experience. She appreciates the fact that visitors are thanked for being among us to worship. She has taken a copy of our “Stewardship Prayer” back to her parish and given to her pastor. She is amazed that almost every month there is a new ministry or activity or event being promoted. She likes the “Take Five” weekly gospel reflections in the bulletin and puts them on her refrigerator so that she can read them throughout the week. She even goes on line when she and her husband don’t come up for a visit so that she can see them (actually, she said that her daughter has to do that because she doesn’t know the first thing about all that computer stuff). Overall, she just wanted to mention to me what she has noticed over the past year.

I was very grateful for her comments, thanked her and wished her and her husband a safe trip home. Immediately I thought how a minute’s worth of sharing could influence several hours of a person’s day. I know that things aren’t perfect but I am very grateful to all of you for being who you are and for being here and for ministering to this family in ways that you may never have known to folks you may not even know but whose worship experience has been helped.

I enjoyed that minute because the next person with whom I spoke complained in a very aggravated tone that there wasn’t any toilet paper in the bathroom. Oh well, I had my minute! God Bless you and have a great week, I have some paperwork to do...if you know what I mean.

Fr. Joe





Matthew Kelly on “holiness” from “Rediscovering Catholicism” - What is **your view** of holiness? We all have different ideas of what it means to be holy, and often our vision is distorted by prejudice or tainted by ignorance.

God calls each and every one of us to holiness – without exception. He calls you to be **all that you can be**. Holiness brings us to life. Holiness refines every human ability. Holiness doesn’t dampen our emotions, it elevates our emotions. Those who possess holiness are the most joy-filled people in history. They have a richer, more abundant experience of life, and they love more deeply than most people can even imagine. They enjoy life, all of life! Even in the midst of suffering, they are able to maintain a peace and a happiness which is independent of the happenings and circumstances surrounding them. Holiness doesn’t stifle us; it sets us free! Want to hear more? Come to ***Passion and Purpose*** with Matthew Kelly, Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Church. You will be glad you did! Only **ONE WEEK** until “**Passion and Purpose**” with Matthew Kelly! Saturday, July 9th, from 9:00 am until 1:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church in Haddon Heights.

For tickets, stop by the back of the church after Mass or call Mary Ann at 856-435-1468 or 609-707-1725.

DON’T miss this opportunity to hear a world-renowned speaker who sees the great potential of our Catholic Church to change us and our world for the better!

PARISH FIBER MINISTRY - FOR CRAFTERS
 We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.
NEXT MEETING - JULY 14TH - 7 P.M.
ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
ALL ARE WELCOME!
YOU MAY EMAIL:
alicegarbarino@comcast.net

NEXT WEEKEND!

The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará Mission Appeal

Sr. Montserrat, will be at our parish **July 9th & 10th** to speak about their Mission appeal. This community was founded by Father Carlos Miguel Buela on March 19, 1988 in San Rafael, Argentina. Four years earlier, Fr. Buela founded the priests of the Incarnate Word with whom the sisters share the same and gives chance to about their work in America.



The sisters work with children in works of mercy in school settings, also with children that have disabilities. They take care of the elderly and work with poor families in human and religious development. We ask that you pay special attention to Sr. Montserrat and where possible, be generous to their cause to help the less fortunate in the Missions of South America.

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	July 9th Saturday St. Luke 4:30 p.m.	July 9th Saturday St. Lawrence 5:00 p.m.	July 10th Sunday St. Lawrence 7:30 a.m.	July 10th Sunday St. Lawrence 9:30 a.m.	July 10th Sunday St. Luke 11:30 a.m.	July 10th Sunday St. Lawrence 1:00 p.m.	July 10th Sunday St. Luke 5:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Joe	TBA	Fr. Wilson	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe	TBA	Fr. Joe
Lector	A. Esposito & J. Romano	P. Lynch & B. Miller	V. Wishropp	A. Clay & J. DiMeo	J. Funk & J. Njoku	Spanish	R. Christiano
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J. & M. Alberto & R. Czarnecki	C. & D. Cutter & R. Christiano	A. Garbarino, G. Norton, B. O’Dowd & A. Odorisio	G. Chant, J. Considine, B. Dougherty, M. Ebling & D. Hughes	P. Bakey, J. & T. Deighan	Mass	K. Corcoran, E. Junikka & M. Scutte
Altar Servers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA



Knights Knews!

PULL TAB COLLECTION

MAY 21ST TO LABOR DAY

Designated boxes will be near each door of the churches. The collection benefits the Ronald McDonald House for families of children in the hospital for treatments. Sponsored by the Nativity Council.



8TH ANNUAL HENRY J. KEATING MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

VALLEYBROOK COUNTRY

CLUB - BLACKWOOD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

10 A.M. REGISTRATION

11 A.M. SHOTGUN START

\$100 PER GOLFER



(Includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, beer and buffet)

Features include various contests and Chinese Auction

All are welcome! For more information or to sign up,

Call Bill Fean 856-309-7237



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open on the **second Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.** and the **fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The need to help the

less fortunate is most great and we truly appreciate your generosity in our endeavor to feed the poor.

We are in need of toothpaste, shampoo & cereal.

Please place your donation in the barrels by the doors. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you!



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2011 CAMPAIGN

"CHANGING HEARTS"

Thank you to our parishioners for the gift of blessings and hope you have shared with others through your generous gifts and pledges. Our total at present is **\$94,906.63** towards the Parish Goal of \$165,000. The campaign continues and we need your help. The Parish receives 10% of realized funds once we reach our goal! Have **YOU** made your gift yet? You can be an instrument that Jesus can use to inspire changes of heart and bring hope. "Hope make a world of difference!"

HELP WANTED!

COME AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS

Each Sunday we pray the words of the **Stewardship Prayer**: "I offer my gifts of time, talent and treasure to you as a true act of faith and to reflect my love for you and my neighbor." How is God calling you to share the talents that he has given to? Or maybe God is asking you to share a special gift. It might be sharing something you love like music or art. It could be that we need a skill that you have such as **welcoming others to the Mass** or **volunteering to usher, or to launder the altar linens**, Would you be interested in **caring for the garden or helping to drive someone to Mass on the weekend?** There are many opportunities to share your gifts with your fellow parishioners. Just call Ellen at 627-2222 for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

*If your informed conscience so moves you, here is an opportunity to put Faith into Action
Worship into Witness.*

IMMIGRATION: Last week Senator Richard Durbin introduced the DREAM Act of 2011, S. 952: a bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain undocumented students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children. Urge your senators to co-sponsor the DREAM Act of 2011. Take action. The United States Catholic Bishops supports the DREAM Act.

Latino Young Adult Group at St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral

El Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos de la Iglesia San Jose invita a todos los jóvenes adultos a charlas para compartir sus experiencias. El primer y tercer domingo de cada mes a las 12:30 en el Centro Romero. ¡Te Esperamos! Preguntas: 856-964-9777



**Every Thursday
Evening - 7 p.m.
St. Juan Diego Center**

Come & Bring a Friend!

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****The rest is easy**

We Americans are proud of our work ethic—perhaps too proud. We tend to value our work and busy-ness so much that we forget how to be still enough to hear God’s quiet voice. We need leisure—not frenetic vacationing or compulsive recreational activities but simple rest when we can unplug and *think*. Jesus says, “I will give you rest.” We may think he means *eternal* rest, but we don’t have to wait until we’re dead to enjoy it! We need to develop a pattern to “come away and rest awhile.” Why not today? Why not every Sunday? The media is full of “new” and flashy ways to avoid stress, but Jesus’ invitation is a simple, standing one: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” TODAY’S READINGS: *Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100)* “*My yoke is easy, and my burden light.*”

MONDAY, JULY 4**Have a little faith**

Some people seem to be born with the gift of deep faith. They appear to have an intuitive grasp of the spiritual side of life and to know God is always with them. The rest of us must endure long periods of doubt and uncertainty that are only occasionally interrupted by brief moments of spiritual clarity. Whether our assessment of other people’s faith is accurate, our time might be better spent considering the state of our own. We could begin by asking, “Where am I on the continuum between faith and doubt?” Is it possible that the Lord is with you and you don’t know it? Can you ask God to help you to know it? TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383)* “*Truly, the Lord is in this spot, although I did not know it!*”

TUESDAY, JULY 5**FEAST OF ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, PRIEST****Forty hours to a renewed spirit**

One of the more fervent prayer practices in Catholic tradition is the Forty Hours’ Devotion, and Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria (1503-1539) was a major promoter of it. The devotion involves continuous (or near continuous) prayer for 40 hours before the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed on the altar. The devotion arose during the Counter-Reformation, a time of church renewal and reform in response to the criticisms of those involved in the Protestant Reformation. If your spiritual life could use some reform and renewal, try participating in a “40 Hours.” TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384)* “*Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go until you bless me.’*”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**Thy kingdom come**

More than anything else, Jesus has one basic message: The kingdom of God is at hand. He proclaimed it had begun and was on its way to fulfillment. In it is everything he was, taught, did, and wants us to learn and do: Love God and one another wholeheartedly, especially those who are deprived in some way. Forgive as God has forgiven you. Be open to a new and different way of seeing the world and acting, one that brings everyone together in God. Are you ready to enter the Kingdom? TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385)* “*As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’*”

THURSDAY, JULY 7**Love is bigger than hurt**

Joseph had it tough as the second youngest in a family of 12 brothers. Picked on and hated because he was his dad Jacob’s favorite, Joseph ended up sold into slavery by his brothers. After many years of separation from his family, he again meets his brothers, only this time the tables are turned: Joseph is in a position of power, and his brothers are the vulnerable ones. It wouldn’t have taken much for Joseph to tap back into those feelings of hurt, betrayal, and rage and respond measure for measure. But he went beyond that, back to the sibling love he so cherished, and reacted with not only kindness but an outpouring of generosity. We, too, have that capacity and power for a love that is bigger than hurt. TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386)* “*But [Joseph’s] brothers could give him no answer, so dumbfounded were they at him.*”

FRIDAY, JULY 8**Get smart, but keep it simple**

Sometimes it may seem that the gospel’s call to simplicity doesn’t stand a chance. Popular spiritual writer Henri Nouwen expressed this dilemma well: “So often the problems of the world seem so complex and intricate that your word strikes me as embarrassingly simple,” he wrote in a prayer that continued, “but you, O Lord, said, ‘Be clever as serpents and innocent as doves.’ Let me retain innocence and simplicity in the midst of this complex world.” That’s a good prayer for all of us as we try to balance spiritual life and daily life. TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387)* “*Be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.*”

SATURDAY, JULY 9**AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS****Delve into the mysteries of the church in China**

Some say that the Roman Catholic Church in China is actually two churches: one faithful to Rome and the other beholden to the state. The reality is much more complex, though there have been some deep divisions. Many in China felt that the timing of the canonizations in 2000 of the 150 martyrs the church remembers today highlighted China’s colonial past—a very sensitive subject for the Chinese people. A year later Pope John Paul II, addressing a group of Chinese and Western scholars in Rome, asked forgiveness for the past failings on the part of Christian missionaries in China. For some solid information on the church and China, visit the website of Seton Hall University’s United States Catholic China Bureau. TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388)* “*What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.*”

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