

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel introduces us to two women: Martha, the perfect host and Mary the perfect disciple. They are both eager to serve Jesus but they go about it in different ways. Martha is the perfect host. She prepares the house for Jesus and His disciples. She cooks the food and serves everyone because she is thinking that they are tired and are hungry. She had no idea that Jesus comes not to be served but to serve.

That is why Martha is so upset, so preoccupied about preparing nice food. She becomes high-blood and even snaps at Jesus for allowing Mary not to help her in the household chores. But Jesus gently rebuked her: "Martha, Martha, you fret and worry about so many things, but just one thing is needed, Mary has chosen the best portion." That Mary listens to Him, learns from Him, experiences His presence and occupies the place by which only men should have, sitting at the foot of a master in order to learn and be taught.

On the other hand, Mary is the perfect disciple. She sits beside the Lord at His feet, listening to His instructions and teachings. She seems to know instinctively that "there is a need of only one thing," (v. 42): to listen to the good news that He brings. It does not mean that Jesus did not appreciate Martha's hospitality. But He chided her for being so anxious and upset about many things. She forgot a very important element in her relationship with Jesus. That is, to allow time to listen to a friend, a beloved and most of all, to her Lord and Savior.

We can discern from the action and reaction of Martha and Mary in serving the Lord, as a form of spirituality. In Martha, we have this active spirituality and for Mary, we have the contemplative spirituality. It is a combination of prayer and action or reflection which we need in our lives as Christians.

Action and contemplation are not viewed as one of opposition but of complimentary. As much as we are drawn to the danger of too much activity, we work and work as if there is no tomorrow. We are so involved in our apostolic activity, outreach program and looking for money but we miss giving attention to enlivening our relationship with God, family and friends and listening to them. If we have given so much time to work, we need, also, in the same manner, a time for prayer, meditation, reading the Scripture and the Eucharist.

There is a bit of Martha and Mary in all of us. We are both body and soul. We must keep both in balance. Jesus does not need people who work for Him. He needs people who do His work.

Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, July 21 9:00 a.m.

Khanh and Thang req Pauline Nguyen
Carol Ann MacIntyre req Helen MacIsaac

Tuesday, July 22 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
Intentions of Donna Marcaccio
req John and Cynthia Castiglione
In remembrance of Leo Didero on his birthday
req Theresa Didero

Wednesday, July 23 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
Soul of V.D. Sebastian req Antu
All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
Grazia Tigani req Tony and JoAnne Tigani

Thursday, July 24 9:00 a.m.

This Jubilee Year, our Parish family prays for the intentions of Didero and Cancian families

Geraldine Schweinbenz req Eglis, Kayle, Ingrid, Patty,
Bruce and Angel Amanda
All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
Leo Didero req Jackie Sherk
Dominico Tigani req Tony and JoAnne Tigani
In remembrance of Leo on his birthday req Theresa Didero
Repose of soul of Geraldine Schweinbenz
req St. Charles family

Friday, July 25 9:00 a.m.

Luyen and Dean req Pauline Nguyen

Saturday, July 26 5:00 p.m.

Leo Didero req Clewer family
Thanksgiving req John Marques and family
For all the governments req Pauline Nguyen
Repose of the soul of Helen McSorley
req Greg and Genevieve Wallegham
Soul of Francois Xavier Roesch req Wanda Roesch
Theresa Williams req Williams family
Thanksgiving for Arthur's life and health
req Freddy and Natali

Sunday, July 27 10:00 a.m.

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS
Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This week the Lamp burns for

Healing and intentions of Hendrickson Sy
req Felisa Go
The soul of V.D. Sebastian
Req Antu

Bible Verse For This Week

*"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."
-Ephesians 2:8*



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

July 12/13, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,613.00

Loose Offering 336.00

Building fund offering 225.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

Monthly Coffee Time

Sunday July 27 - Grandparents Day
Come and share in parish fellowship and celebrate all those who are grandparents.
Our gathering will follow the 10:00 Mass.
Please bring a refreshment to share.

Church Cleaning

We would like to clean the church after morning Mass on Wednesday July 23rd. If you can help, please sign the volunteer sheet at the back of the church.
Our youth are encouraged to come and help too.

Missionary Visit

On August 2 and 3rd Bishop Prosper from the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania, will be with us to share about the mission work in his Archdiocese and to seek our support through this mission appeal. We welcome Bishop Prosper.

Outside Concrete Work

As it has been identified for some time, it has been planned to replace the concrete in the front of the church and rear walkway to address safety issues. We are now able to proceed. This work will begin on Monday July 28th. As a result, there will be no available parking at the front during this time. The contractor will ensure that at least **one entrance** is accessible for each stage of the work. Please take note when you arrive. It is expected that the project will be completed in less than 2 weeks. We are so pleased to have this work done for the sake of safety and beautification of our church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**Jubilee Year 2025 and Pilgrims of Hope
CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

The Shrine has been designated as an official pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

How to obtain Jubilee indulgence?

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession.
3. Holy Communion.
4. One 'Our Father' for the intentions of the Pope
(remission of temporal punishment due to sins)

TICKETS: \$ 65 PER PERSON

-We will be traveling Canada Coach Bus. Please arrive at St. Charles Garnier Parish by 7:30 a.m.

-The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp. We'll return to Hamilton by 7:00 p.m.

-Healing Mass at the Shrine at 1:30 p.m.

Celebrated by Fr. Saju.

- Please bring your own bagged lunch.

For more information, contact the parish office:

call us: 905 528 0074 or

email us: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS AND SPREAD THE WORD

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalms 119:105

Saints Joachim and Anne

July 26

The Church celebrates the parents of the Virgin Mary, the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception. Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith! ~Pope Francis, Angelus, July 26, 2013

**PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS
& THE ELDERLY**

*How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion.
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones
and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen*

**'BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT LOST
HOPE' ... (Sir 14:2)**