

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.”—Solomon chooses gifts from God that will help him serve others. The choices of Solomon reflect what those who lived under his reign felt about

him: a wise man who could distinguish right from wrong. Sometimes the Scriptures push us to evaluate our own approach to living: are we wise? Can we distinguish right from wrong? Wisdom, if it comes at all, usually comes with age and experience. Thus, for Solomon to have wisdom as a young man was extraordinary. Some of us can say without a doubt: we had no wisdom when we were young and even now do not have much! We should be able to admire a young king such as Solomon, who is able to lead a people and make wise decisions about right and wrong.

This story is given to us in the liturgy to complement today’s Gospel, which is also about wisdom and the capacity that we must look for the kingdom of God. Probably all of us have felt the tug of the divine in our lives from time to time, and yet we have not chosen to follow that tug of the divine with all the energies of our being. Most of us are much more like Saint Augustine, who said about chastity something like this: give me chastity, Lord, but not yet!!

Life is so interesting and often the search for the divine seems as if it will take all the enjoyment out of our lives. None of us wants to get that serious! So, instead, we put off a deeper conversion that can happen in our inner life. We put off looking for the pearl of great price. We delay checking out the fish in our nets because we are frightened that one or the other of them may be too valuable. We even know that there is treasure buried in the field, but we are frightened about the changes that such a treasure will make in our lives.

We should not be surprised at our lack of energy for the divine. What should surprise us is God’s infinite patience with us. We should be shocked that God never ceases to invite us to share His life, no matter how lazy we are. At some point in our lives, we can come to realize that the God who invites us is a God who never gives up on us. There is a process in conversion, and we are invited to enter that process. The process is not about our work, but about the work of God. Our process is patient perseverance. How many times we meet people who say: “Oh, I tried praying, but it never worked for me!”

Instead, in the face of total failure to live as a good person, I must persevere in asking God to transform me, day in and day out, for the rest of my life. Holiness is not about my being the type of person who looks holy. Rather, holiness is about giving my life completely to the Lord as much as possible each day, always repenting of any sin and separation from the Lord, always striving to do good—and most of all, always trusting that it is God who redeems me. This allows us to discover the treasure!

Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, July 27 9:00 a.m.

In remembrance of Virgilia Gabate	req Gemma
Thanksgiving to St. Anne	req Marques family
Pasquale Centritto	req Anna Herman
Julien Man	req Antony and Irene Man

Tuesday, July 28 9:00 a.m.

Healing of family tree of Kubat, Jagiello and Kwas	req Maria Kubat
Thanksgiving for blessings	req Ruby Benitez
Benjamin Man	req Antony and Irene Man

Wednesday, July 29 9:00 a.m.

Souls in purgatory	req Benilda Fajardo
Soul of Manuel Go	req Felisa Go
Phil, Ino and children	req Ruby Benitez
In loving memory of Evan Sherk	req Jackie Sherk
Lisa and Kenneth Man	req Antony and Irene Man

Thursday, July 30 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Jose Pascua, Sr. and family and relatives	req Lolita Pascua
Lolita and Egon Willaschek	req Ruby Benitez
Irene and Antony Man	req Antony

Friday, July 31 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving birthday for Luca Mathew	req Mathew family
Deceased and living members	req Ruby Benitez
Maria Chan	req Antony and Irene Man

Saturday, August 1 5:00 p.m.

Samson and Virgilia Gabate	req Gemma
Khan, Trang, Thong, Tuyen	req Pauline Nguyen

Sunday, July 26 10:00 am

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. You may dedicate our Sanctuary Lamp to a deceased loved one or for a special intention. We will publish the Sanctuary Lamp Intentions in the bulletin each week.

Call the parish office to request an intention or for more information.

This week the lamp burns :

- 1. For Special intention and healing of Hendrickson Sy req Felisa Go**
- 2. In loving memory of Evan Sherk Jackie Sherk**

“THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS DOES NOT OVERCOME IT.” John 1:5



July 18/19, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$1,378.00
Loose Offering	531.00

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

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH 60TH YEAR

This year's **JUBILEE** marks the 60 year Jubilee of our parish. The cornerstone for St. Charles Garnier Parish was set on September 11, 1966. We give thanks to God for the presence and service of our parish in the Hamilton community and in our Hamilton Diocese. Celebrations will be forthcoming including our annual pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine when we will share the Shrine's 100th Jubilee with our 60th Jubilee and call upon the intercession of our patron saint, St. Charles Garnier.

**"The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad." (Ps.126:3)**

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

July 26



Saints Joachim and Anne are honored as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Although little is known about their lives, we remember them as faithful, prayerful, and devoted to God. Through their loving

example, they helped prepare Mary to respond wholeheartedly to God's call.

As patrons of grandparents and the elderly, Saints Joachim and Anne remind us of the important role families play in passing on the gift of faith from one generation to the next. On their feast day, let us give thanks for our parents, grandparents, and all who have nurtured us in faith.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND 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 you, Lord, everything begins again. Amen

DAY OF PRAYER AND ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

August 7, 2026



Prayer Intention:
For evangelization in the city

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. Adoration Begins
4:00 p.m. Benediction
6:00 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns for the courts of the Lord."
(Ps. 84: 1-2)

THANK YOU, PILGRIMS!

Thank you to all who joined our pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs Shrine. Your faith, prayer, and fellowship made this a truly blessed journey. May the example of the Canadian Martyrs strengthen our faith and inspire us to live as joyful witnesses of Christ. Thank you for being part of this special pilgrimage, and may God continue to bless you and your families.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) was a Spanish soldier whose life was transformed after a battle injury led him to a deep conversion. He founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1540 and wrote the Spiritual

Exercises, which continue to guide people in prayer and discernment. His legacy of faith, education, and service continues to inspire the Church today. His feast day is celebrated on July 31.

"The man who sets about making others better is wasting his time, unless he begins with himself."

"Let your first rule of action be to trust in God as if success depended entirely on yourself and not on him; but use all your efforts as if God alone did everything, and yourself nothing."