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SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass and Office closed.

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass
Novena to St. Padre Pio
9:30am Sacrament of Penance
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

BAPTISMS

11:30am 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Sundays. Please contact the
Parish Office. Presentation and
Baptism Information mornings
are held every 4th Sunday.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

8:00pm – 9:00am Saturday Mass
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

For children: Year 1 to Year 8.
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
4.30pm-5.30pm in school hall

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years
Bethany Catholic Primary School
Hall Contact Joanne D'Agostino,
via the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

Our faith is given to us from two main sources. The Word of God and the Sacred Tradition. Both play a major role in spreading the Gospel message of Christ to humanity. One must be receptive and eager to receive the Word of God to bear fruit in life. Though the Gospel has the same message for all of us, we bear fruit depending upon the disposition of our lives. Jesus beautifully enumerates this through the Gospel of this weekend. The parable of the Sower and the seeds throws light to the nature of the Word of God and the way we bear fruit in our lives.

We cannot afford to have a hostile attitude towards the Word of God since it guides us and helps us to get to heaven. We need to prepare our grounds (our hearts) for the Gospel to be fruitful. It is the same message but a different outcome. The gospel challenges us to live our lives worthy of our calling. It is not easy in this world since the world teaches us otherwise. The world throws all kinds of anti-Christ or anti-church elements at the Truth. Evil thrives when good people refuse to do good. We cannot afford to fall for the tricks of the devil who likes to take our souls to hell.

Jesus warns us that we need to prepare our hearts to receive the Word of God in its fullness and thus bear fruit in plenty. Jesus is aware of our struggles of life, and He offers solutions in the Gospel. There are answers to all our problems in the gospel provided we are willing to accept them and practice them in our lives.

Friends, I encourage you to read the Bible each day. Try to read at least a page with your family and by yourself. To know our God and His love for us, we must know the Holy Scripture. The families who read the Holy Scripture every day, benefit from it in a special way. The Holy Scripture is the beacon of hope when we are faced with hopelessness. It is the lighthouse to guide us in the storms of life. There is so much richness in the Holy Scripture to know and to imitate in our lives.

Jesus says, "blessed are your eyes, because they see,
and your ears, because they hear.

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people
longed to see what you see but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

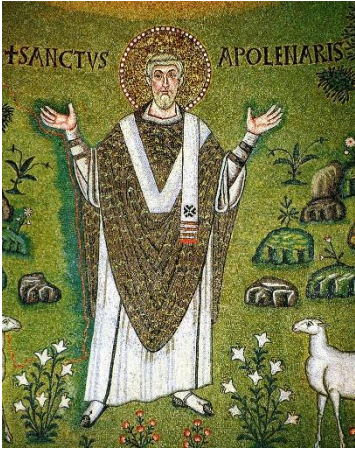
We are fortunate to know that gift of faith in our lives. Let us treasure the
Word of God in our lives and put it into practice.

God Bless..

Kind regards,

Fr. Suresh Kumar
Parish Priest

ST. APOLLINARIS OF HIERAPOLIS



CLAUDIUS APOLLINARIS, Bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, was one of the most illustrious prelates of the second age.

Notwithstanding the great encomiums (*speeches or writings that praises someone*) bestowed on him by Eusebius, St. Jerome, Theodoret, and others, but little is known

of his actions; and his writings, which then were held in great esteem, seem now to be all lost.

He wrote many able treatises against the heretics, and pointed out, as St. Jerome testifies, from what philosophical sect each heresy derived its errors. Nothing rendered his name so illustrious, however, as his noble defense for the Christian religion which he addressed to the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, about the year 175, soon after the miraculous victory that prince had obtained over the Quadi by the prayers of the Christians. St. Apollinaris reminded the emperor of the benefit he had received from God through the prayers of his Christian subjects, and implored protection for them against the persecution of the pagans.

Marcus Aurelius published an edict in which he forbade anyone, under pain of death, to accuse a Christian on account of his religion; by a strange inconsistency, he had not the courage to abolish the laws then in force against the Christians, and, as a consequence, many of them suffered martyrdom, though their accusers were also put to death. The date of St. Apollinaris' death is not known; the Roman Martyrology mentions him on the 8th of January.

(Taken from Lives of the Saints, by Alban Butler) The above picture is from: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Saint_Apollenaris.jpg
Excerpt from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/apollinaris-of-hierapolis-477

ST. FABIAN

He succeeded St. Anterus in the pontificate in the year 236. Eusebius relates that in an assembly of the people and clergy, held for the election of a pastor in his room, a dove, unexpectedly appearing, settled, to the great surprise of all present, on the head of St. Fabian, and that this miraculous sign united the votes of the clergy and people in promoting him, though not thought of before, as being a layman and a stranger.

He governed the church sixteen years, sent St. Dionysius and other preachers into Gaul, and condemned Privatus, a broacher of a new heresy in Africa, as appears from St. Cyprian. St. Fabian died a glorious martyr in the persecution of Decius, in 250, as St. Cyprian and St. Jerome witness. The former, writing to his successor, St. Cornelius, calls him an incomparable man, and says that the glory of his death had answered the purity and holiness of his life.

The saints made God and the accomplishment of his holy will, the great object of all their petitions in their prayers, and their only aim in all their actions...

(Taken from Lives of the Saints, by Alban Butler)
Excerpt from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/fabian-563

ST. AVITUS

St. Avitus was a native of Orleans, and, retiring into Auvergne, took the monastic habit, together with St. Calais, in the abbey of Menat, at that time very small, though afterward enriched by Queen Brunehault, and by St. Boner, Bishop of Clermont. The two Saints soon after returned to Miscy, a famous abbey situated a league and a half below Orleans. It was founded toward the end of the reign of Clovis I. by St. Euspicius, a holy priest, honored on the 14th of June, and his nephew St. Maximin or Mesnim, whose name this monastery, which is now of the Cistercian Order, bears.

Many call St. Maximin the first abbot, others St. Euspicius the first, St. Maximin the second, and St. Avitus the third. But our Saint and St. Calais made not a long stay at Miscy, though St. Maximin gave them a gracious reception. In quest of a closer retirement, St. Avitus, who had succeeded St. Maximin, soon after resigned the abbacy, and with St. Calais lived a recluse in the territory now called Dunois, on the frontiers of La Perche. Others joining them, St. Calais retired into a forest in Maine, and King Clotaire built a church and monastery for St. Avitus and his companions. This is at present a Benedictine nunnery, called St. Avy of Chateaudun, and is situated on the Loire, at the foot of the hill on which the town of Chateaudun is built, in the diocese of Chartres.

Three famous monks, Leobin, afterwards Bishop of Chartres, Euphronius, and Rusticus, attended our Saint to his happy death, which happened about the year 530. His body was carried to Orleans and buried with great pomp in that city.

(Taken from Lives of the Saints, by Alban Butler)
Excerpt from: ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/avitus-483

ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

HELP NEEDED

Can you sew and have a sewing machine? Are you able to assist in making new altar cloths? If you can help, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS & BLESSING

When: 26 July on the Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary & Jesus' grandparents.
Time: 9:00am Mass with a blessing for grandparents. Bethany students will be attending. It would be wonderful to see all the grandparents at the Mass. If you know of a grandparent who doesn't have family close by, please invite them along.

PLANNED GIVING

The new Planned Giving envelope boxes for those who are subscribed will be available next weekend, at the back of the Church for pick up. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, either through Direct Debit, Credit Card or Envelopes, please contact the Parish office. The Planned Giving Program assists the financial planning for current and future projects for the Parish.

THANK YOU to the Legion of Mary for organising the feast day of Our Lady of Mt Carmel followed by the Enrolment of the Scapular and Morning Tea. If you would like to join the Legion of Mary or for more info, please contact the parish office.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH REGISTRATION

We request any new families to register with the parish. If you would like to register or arrange a House Blessing please contact the parish office.

JUNE'S INCOME AND EXPENSE SHEET

This is available on the Parish Noticeboards.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A.** *Wis 12:13, 16-19. Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. Rom 8:26-27. Mt 13:24-30.*

THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Fr. Carl Ashton. **Prayers for the Sick:** Farley Bartholomeusz, Alejandra Modelo, Normie Santos, Russell Kars, Jennifer Yara Baypath Majuec, Charbel Bazouni, Simon Bazouni & family, Ava Vella, Lucy Marie Ciappara, Georgina Rastegorac, Waled Hana, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Lolyn Velayo. *Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered for Deceased, Death Anniversary, Prayers for the Sick, Thanksgiving or Birthdays.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22/23 JULY

MASS	5.30PM	8.00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE	Joe Badrov	Khalid Younan Dominic Younes	Chris Hersey
SENIOR SERVER	Kylie Sultana		Tracy Amituanai
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Reginald Vibar	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC	Youth For Christ		Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Mel Gaudoin, Johan		

Sunday 16 July: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A

Thursday 20 July: St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Friday 21 July: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Saturday 22 July: St. Mary Magdalene

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 18 July

Place: Helena & Matt Steeds, 80 Glengarry Rd, GP

Date: Tuesday 25 July

Place: Kenneth & Jeng Borlongan, 18/380 Glenmore Park Way, GP

YOUR STORIES MATTER! SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD BEFORE 31 JULY

Our Diocesan Synod is calling you to share stories and have conversations about how we can walk together to become the Church that Christ calls us to be. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will inform the development of the agenda for the Synod, from 12-15 October 2023, which will gather clergy, consecrated and laity to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Applications to be a member at the Synod are now open. Apply to be a member or make a submission before 31 July:

<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY 2023

The Feast Day of St. Padre Pio is fast approaching in September but there is plenty of organization that needs to happen beforehand.

Thanks be to God; it has been a success each year with many volunteers helping. The sign-up sheet for volunteers to help in this year's feast is on the Welcome Table. Kindly add your name to it and please join in the preparation for the Feast Day.



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