

July 12, 2026
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday July. 11 - 5:00pm

† Helen Dudlek

Sunday July. 12 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Monday July. 13 - 8:30am

† Paul & Fione Hergenreder

Tuesday July. 14 - 8:30am

† Helen Brannon

Friday July. 17 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend

Saturday July. 18 - 5:00pm

† Sharon Gant

Sunday July. 19 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle

Katherine & Jerome
Nadeau

From the Pastor

Last week we were able to finally repair the concrete on the side of the church including part of the bottom of the ramp. This past winter caused a lot of damage to the sidewalk, making it a serious hazard. Thank you to Deacon Charlie for overseeing this project.

I want to give some advance notice that the Tuesday Daily Mass next week (July 21st) is cancelled since I will be away at St. Vincent Archabbey that day.

Fr. Dave

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 6-8, 2026. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October 11.



Next weekend, the **Second Collection** will be for The Catholic University of America founded in 1887 by the U.S. bishops. The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, educating seminarians, religious, bishops, and laity to advance the dialogue between faith and reason. As a comprehensive institution of higher education, Catholic University seeks to impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, in service to the Church, the nation, and the world. Thank you for supporting this important work of the Catholic Church in America.



Dear Padre

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I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18-20.) ●

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