

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH



July 26, 2026

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— MATTHEW 13:47 —

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, and 11 AM

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Mass Intentions

- 4:30 PM Saturday, July 25**
 +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Robert Gutkowski, Birthday
 +Joseph Sweeney
 +Alfonso Bruno, Birthday
 John and Karen Sheahan, 55th
 Wedding Anniversary
- 7:30 AM Sunday, July 26**
 +Guillermo Arellano
- 9 AM** +Geraldine Lustro
 +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
- 11 AM** +Cora Dal Cerro, 1st
 Anniversary
 +Marie McGuire, Birthday
 +Frank and +John Kucera
 +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
- 8 AM Monday, July 27**
 +Heribeto Melgoza, 1st
 Anniversary
- 8 AM Tuesday, July 28**
 Faithful Departed
- 8 AM Wednesday, July 29**
 +Joan Psak, Birthday
- 8 AM Thursday, July 30**
 +Geraldine Lustro
- 8 AM Friday, July 31**
 People of the Parish
- Saturday, August 1**
4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Sarah Dwyer–Yep, 25th
 Anniversary
 +Joan Corbett Czaga, 15th
 Anniversary
- 7:30 AM Sunday, August 2**
 People of the Parish
- 9 AM** +Linda Papesh
 +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
- 11 AM** +Frank and +John Kucera
 +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Angelina Alongi
 +Patricia Lindahl
 +Helena Golab
 +Jozefa Powrozek
 +Edward Deles

Liturgical Ministers

- Saturday, August 1**
4:30 PM
 Servers Isaac M., Diego M., Macaria T.,
 Lorenzo T.
 Lector Nick Kaspar
 E.Ms. Bob Mitchell, O.F.S., Maryann
 Dibari, Tom Lepore, Ruben
 Monterroso, Peggy O'Donnell,
 Patricia Rinella
- Sunday, August 2**
7:30 AM
 Server Joseph K., Jasmin G., Yasleen G
 Lector Tina Krzysko
 E.Ms. Minnie Reillo, Joanne Koziol, Ken
 Doyle, Michelle Doyle, Doti
 Geringer, John Wardisiani
- 9 AM**
 Server Nickolas F.
 Lector Sandro Valdez
 E.Ms. Lynn Loftus, Daniel LaCour, Mary
 Graf, Grisel Lopez, Mary
 Princivalli, Lois DeFelice
- 11 AM**
 Servers Lucas R., Christian C., Marshall M.
 Lector Jackie Schweitzer
 E.Ms. Mary Sullivan, Michael Wittrock,
 Sandra Mazzeffi, Ray Maraviglia,
 Paulette Maraviglia, Kim Bartell

Parish Weekly Events

- Sunday, July 26**
 10 AM Parish picnic at Evans Field
 11 AM Outdoor Mass at parish picnic
- Tuesday, July 28**
 7 PM Mother of Perpetual Help
 Devotion in the Chapel

Wedding Banns

- August 15**
 Sharon Duncan and Sagon Zaya

Save the Date

- Sunday, July 26: 10 AM **Parish Picnic and 11 AM Mass** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Tuesday, August 4: 4—7 PM **Organization Day** at the School
- Sunday, August 9: Blessings for **College Students**
- Sunday, August 16: **Return to School Blessings, Backpack Blessing** at 11 AM Mass
- Thursday, August 20 **St. Celestine School** begins
- Sunday, September 6: **Grandparents Blessings** at all Masses
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, September 20: **Catechetical Sunday**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex
- Tuesday, November 17: Watch **The Chosen Season 6** after 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays

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August 9 is due on Wednesday, July 29
 at 9 AM

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 at 9 AM

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Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes: Contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, x5017. Baptisms are at 12:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Class held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Masses and Reconciliation: see cover.

Weddings: Please call a year in advance of preferred date and talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel and after the morning masses.

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From the Administrator's Desk: Fr Ton Nguyen**What Pearls of Great Price Have You Found?**

One month ago, I left the heart of downtown Chicago—with its sirens, busy sidewalks, and tour buses—and arrived at St. Mother Guerin Parish. Like anyone beginning a new assignment, I came with excitement, a few nerves, and lots of unknowns.



Then came the Fourth of July Parade. As I walked through the neighborhood, waving and hearing “Happy Fourth!” from every direction, my heart was unexpectedly filled with joy. I found myself shouting, “Happy Fourth! God bless you!” while quietly whispering, “Hey everyone, I’m your new family member!” At that moment, I discovered my **first pearl** of great price: the gift of belonging to a parish family.

Over the past few weeks, I have also been meeting one-on-one with our parish staff and ministry leaders. I ask each of them the same questions: What brings you joy and gives you hope? What are your dreams? How can I support you? Listening to their stories has energized me. Their love for this community and their desire to help others encounter Jesus have revealed my **second pearl**: faithful disciples who generously share their gifts for the building up of God’s Kingdom.

Some of you have asked what I do when I’m not celebrating Mass or working. You may have heard I’ve been “renovating” the rectory. Well... not exactly! After tree roots invaded some old pipes, water found its way into the basement in the spring and left us with a rather “beautiful” fragrance. A few volunteers and I started cleaning things out, only to discover... black mold! What? I know. As someone who has spent much time in the city, I had absolutely no idea what to do. Thankfully, parishioners patiently educated me, rolled up their sleeves, and together we cleaned. Even in a moldy basement, God gave me my **third pearl**: the gift of friendship.

And now for the **greatest pearl**. Every time we gather around the altar either for Mass, wedding or funeral, I see people from many walks of life. Some come with hearts overflowing with joy. Others carry grief, worries, questions, or quiet hopes that God might still speak to them. Some have prayed these prayers for decades; others are just beginning to learn the melody of faith. Yet somehow, the Lord gathers all of these imperfect voices into one family and nourishes us with the Bread of Heaven. The Eucharist is the pearl of great price that unites us all in Christ.

The Gospel tells us about the merchant who sold everything to obtain that priceless pearl. As I look back on my first month here, I realize that God has already placed many pearls before me: the gift of belonging to a parish family, the joy of serving alongside dedicated staff and ministry leaders, the friendships formed through everyday moments of life, and above all, the Eucharist that gathers us into one Body in Christ. How about you?

Transitions are not always easy. But when we slow down, trust in God’s providence, and allow Him to open our eyes, we begin to discover the pearls He has hidden along the way.

I love being a priest.
JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen.

Liturgical Life

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Lord grants Solomon's request to give him a wise and discerning heart so he can rule justly over the people of Israel. Have you ever had a wish come true?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God working with believers according to his purposes. How would you describe your purpose or passion in life?

Gospel:

Jesus often speaks in parables about the kingdom of Heaven that invite you to imagine how God works in the world. Where do you see God at work in your family?



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Liturgical Life

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Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

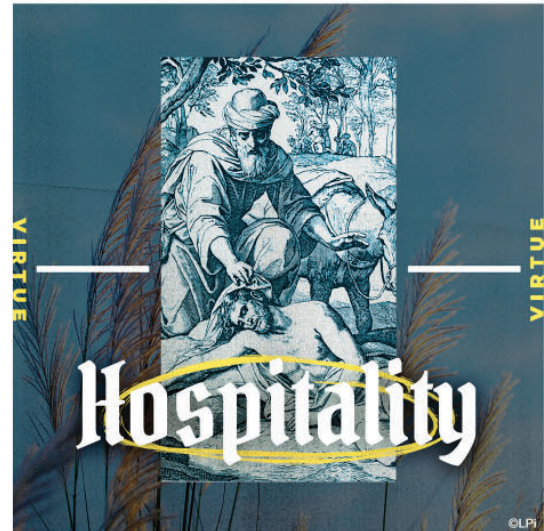
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of Your renewal and inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning, and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

Religious Education and Catechist Openings!

The St. Mother Guerin Religious Education Program helps our students build their connections to God through prayer, incorporate God into their everyday lives, and recognize opportunities to enhance their relationship with God. We welcome children to learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Religious Education is offered to students in Grades 1—8 who during the week attend a public or home school setting. Students meet at St. Celestine School twice a month on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Classes start September 19.

Registration for the 2026—2027 school year is available online. The link to register online is: <https://stguerinparish.org/religious-education/> and registration forms are also available in the St. Celestine Pastoral Center.

Also, if you would like to help as a catechist, please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process by which adults explore the Catholic faith and ordinarily become members of the Church.

The program consists of several months of instruction in the teachings, beliefs, customs, and practices of the Catholic faith. Those who complete the process receive the sacraments, usually Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, or a combination of those, at Easter.

WHO IS THE OCIA INTENDED FOR?

- Adults and teens who have never been baptized.
- Adults and teens who have been baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Adults and teens who were baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

Teen Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 22. Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 24. The Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org for more information.

School Organization Day

Organization Day is Tuesday, August 4, from 4—7 PM. This is when parents receive classroom assignments, important school paperwork, and the opportunity to get involved with various parish and school organizations. School begins on August 20, 2026! If you have not registered and are interested in St. Celestine School, please call the school office at 708-453-8234.

Couples Married 50+ Years

Congratulations to the couples married 50 or more years who received a special blessing at the 11 AM Mass on July 12. You are a wonderful example of love and fidelity to us!



Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deeher, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Cynthia, Tom Ferguson, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Thomas Gruber, Grace Hensley, Rachel Hindery, *Kathryn Knipp, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efre Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Gregory Olsen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Michele Soronto, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych *recently added

Faithful Departed

Eleanor Masciola

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for July 26, 2026

Matthew 13:44-52

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: parables about the treasure of heaven. Words can be found in all directions.

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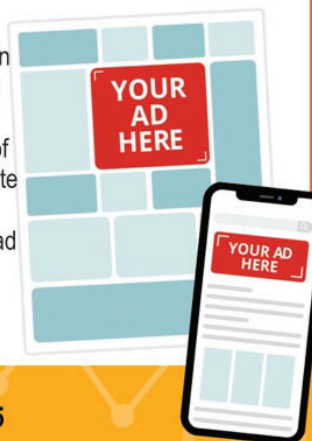
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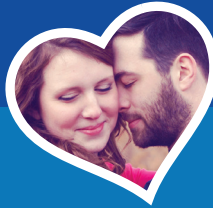
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American, Filipino, Italian, Mexican, Polish, and Vietnamese food

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CAN YOU HELP?

The parish is seeking donations for our upcoming fundraiser, the Parish Taste, on Saturday, September 12. This has always been a wonderful community-building event, and we hope you will be a part of it in some way.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you give a few hours of your time to helping at the Taste? We'll need people to help set up, to clean up and take down the tables and chairs, and to staff the food booths. Call the parish office to volunteer.

BEVERAGE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please drop beverage donations in the back of the church or at the Pastoral Center. Beverages needed: 12 ounce cans of Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite and 16–20 ounce bottles of water.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you want to donate to the Taste? We will recognize donors of \$100 with signs at the Taste, on the website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the bulletin. You can choose to help subsidize one of the food booths, entertainment, the drinks, the raffles, or provide other needed supplies or donate where it is needed. Contact our Business Manager, Laurie DePillo, for more information, at 708-453-2555 or email lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org.

BAKERS NEEDED

We need cookies, bars, and cupcakes for the Sweets Table at the Taste. Please bring your donations to the Pastoral Center on Friday, September 11 by 5 PM or on the day of the Taste by noon. Thank you so much! Questions about desserts? Call Lynn Schmidt for more information at 708-453-2555 or email lschmidt@stguerinparish.org.

GIFT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for gift cards to be donated for use in the raffle baskets for the Taste. You may drop them off in the collection basket at church or at the parish office.

Parish Staff Spotlight: Ruthanne Swiatkowski

Do you know **Ruthanne Swiatkowski**, the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation for our parish? If your child attends Religious Education or is receiving a sacrament, preparing for Confirmation, attending Totus Tuus, or if you are interested in becoming Catholic, you've probably met her!



Ruthanne is a graduate of St. Francis Borgia Grammar School and Mother Guerin High School. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English and Speech-Secondary Education and a Master's in Human Resource Development from Northeastern Illinois University.

Ruthanne is a certified Director of Religious Education with coursework completed in Catechetical Studies at Dominican University

through the Archdiocese of Chicago. Her professional experience includes teaching at Alvernia and Trinity High Schools, working in Human Resources and also at St. Francis Borgia where she was the Director of Religious Education for 15 years.

Ruthanne started working as the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation at St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish when we first combined, eight years ago. She enjoys working with people of all ages, spending time with her family and friends, reading, and traveling.

