

**Ss. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Virgin Mary
July 26**

On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.



The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac." Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' ... And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, Sept. 9.

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July 21, 2024
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours

Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday (no Holy Mass)

Holy Days:

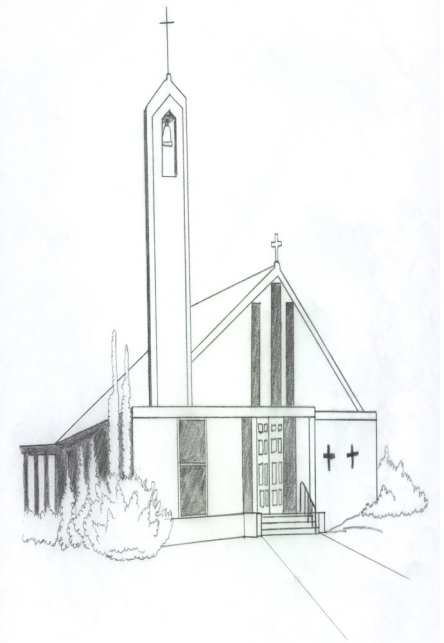
Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: -
30 minutes before each Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact
Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Six
months prior to wedding notice.
Obligatory preparation program.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the
Sick:** - By appointment.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Music Ministry Carolyn Snapka
Organists Mary Helpert
Women's Circle Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society Sam Morris

**St. Anthony's Cemetery
Association** Sam Morris

Visiting Homebound: Once a month
on First Friday. Please call the parish
office to request a visit.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

JULY 20, 2024

6:00 p.m. **PRAY TO SAVE THE UNBORN -**
Bernard & Margie Najvar

SUNDAY

JULY 21, 2024

9:00 a.m. **+ CHRIS HEURER - Sam Morris & Beverly Mokry**
Mass of Thanksgiving, Birthday—Sam Morris
Beverly Mokry

11:00 a.m. **PRO POPULO**

MONDAY

JULY 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. **+TOM & +JIM BERNSEN - Family**

TUESDAY

JULY 23, 2024

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY

JULY 24, 2024

6:00 p.m. **+ LEONARD SCHROEDER - Mary Lou Schroeder**

THURSDAY

JULY 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. **+ CUATE ALLEN - Butch & Carol Kocurek**

FRIDAY

JULY 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. **+ SARAPHINE SKORUPPA - Kevin Busenlehner**

SATURDAY

JULY 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

6:00 p.m. **+ JEROME HOELSCHER**
Marguerite Hoelscher & Family

SUNDAY

JULY 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. **+ EDGAR & MAE ROTH LISBERGER**
Don & Carolyn Havelka

11:00 a.m. **PRO POPULO**

Sanctuary Candle

July 20 — July 26, 2024

Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

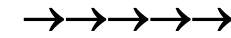
SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 14, 2024

Loose	\$ 712.00
Envelope	\$ 750.00
Total	\$1,462.00

Online Donations: \$ 660.00

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Feast of Mary Magdalene

July 22, 2024

Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who
by conversion
became the beloved of Je-
sus,
thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.



You, who already possess eternal happiness
in His glorious presence,
please intercede for me, so that some day
I may share in the same everlasting joy.

Amen.

*Saint Mary Magdalen was one of the few
who remained with Christ during His agony
on the Cross. She visited His tomb with two
other women and found it empty. It was to
her that our Lord first appeared after His
Resurrection. He asked her to announce His
Resurrection to the Apostles.*



Bible Readings for the Week

Monday, July 22

Sg. 3: 1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday, July 23

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Mt 12: 46-50

Wednesday, July 24

Jer 1: 1, 4-10/ Mt 13: 1-9

Thursday, July 25

2 cor 4: 7-15/ Mt 20: 2-28

Friday, July 26

Jer 3: 14-17/ Mt 13: 18-23

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Linda Bonner, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, John Fredette, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Hen-son, Marie Hoelscher, Marguerite Hoelscher, Valerie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jaco-bi, Sarah Jalufka, Mary Kuhn, Bernard Najvar, Goretta O'Daniel, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Lola Putvin, Jaime Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Eddie Skorabcek, Elie Stone, Joseph Torroes, Vicki Torres, Su-san Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: Jim Caig, Luis Lozano, Jr., Stephen Beadle, Javier Ebertowski.