

# THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## July 17, 2022



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**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**  
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# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*



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### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis)." While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the "details" of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

### Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42 [16th Sunday]  
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-9, 16-23/Mt 12:38-42 [St. Camillus de Lellis]  
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Mt 13:1-9 [St. Apollinaris]  
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/Mt 13:10-17 [St. Lawrence of Brindisi]  
Friday: 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 [St. Mary Magdalene]  
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-8, 11/Mt 13:24-30 [St. Bridget]  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 [17th Sunday]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

### **Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation**

programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

### **PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

### **"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY**

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*



# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 18th - Private Intention  
 Tues., July 19th - Rita Oberto (H. Angeloff)  
 Wed., July 20th - Christine Sierota (The Murray Family)  
 Thurs., July 21st - Helen Dubowski (David & Susan Mikeska)  
 Fri., July 22nd - Stanley Widomski (Dr. Frank & Jane Peggler)  
 Sat., July 23rd, 4:00PM - Richard Niedzwiecki (Mom & Family)  
 Sun., July 24th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **CHESTER & GERTRUDE PRZEPIERSKI & CYNTHIA MIRASZEK**, as gifted by the Family.



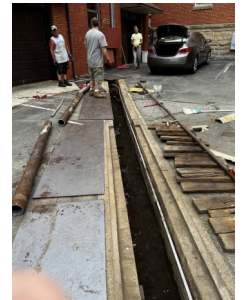
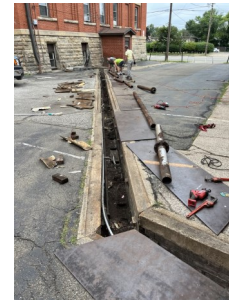
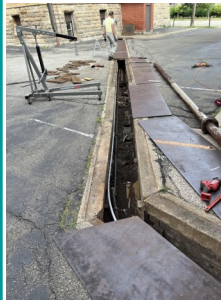
## BE READY FOR GOD TO "STOP BY"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't. For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready. "Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready. Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things. Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be? Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## BOILER UPDATE

Last week, with some volunteer help, we removed the piping connecting the boiler house to the school house - 860 pounds of it! This coming week, we intend to complete the next phase of our boiler repairs: removing the piping that connects the boiler house to the rectory. Once that is complete, we need only wait until the pipe fitters have an opening in their schedule to lay the new pipes. Again, many thanks for your support of this project! We will continue to accept donations to off-set the expense of these repairs through August.



## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Phone calls, emails, texts and tweets can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is intentional time — free from distractions.

## SAINT ROCH "MULTI-PARISH" MEGA-RAFFLE

We will, once again, participate in the St. Roch Raffle. St. Roch is a parish located in Greenwich, CT. They reach out to many, many parishes along the east coast to solicit participation. We were first invited to participate two years ago. On short notice, we didn't really "push" the raffle, but we do profit from it.

Tickets are \$25 each; 50% of all ticket sales (\$12.50/ticket) remain at St. Stanislaus. Prizes are paid out in American Express Gift Cards. First prize is \$30,000; second is \$10,000; third is \$8,000. There are also 20 winners of \$1,000. Drawing takes place on August 13th and can be viewed live on-line. Please see John Villa for tickets, or call the Parish Office. Thanks for your support!

## WEEKLY OFFERING (JULY 10TH, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$X.00
Amount Received	\$X.00	\$X.00
Net over/under	(\$X.00)	(\$X.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 41; 9:00AM = 44  
 Envelopes: X/168



# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DELPHINE GORNIAC** as gifted by Richard Kaminski.



July 20 - Charlotte Allen  
July 23 - Melissa Mangini

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 18th - Theresa Hiney (Family & Friends)  
Tues., July 19th - All Living & Deceased Mothers  
Wed., July 20th - All Living & Deceased Fathers  
Thurs., July 21st - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)  
Fri., July 22nd - Anna Marie Neimeic (Holy Trinity Ushers)  
Sat., July 23rd, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)  
Sun., July 24th, 10:30AM - Delphine Gorniak (John & Patty Stano)

In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak. Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming. Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

## ZABAWA PROGRAM ADS

Individuals or families wishing to include a personal message in the Zabawa 2022 program, please complete the flyer and return it to Holy Trinity's Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

## CHRUSCIKI MAKING

We will begin making chrusciki for Zabawa 2022 on Monday, July 18th starting at 5:00PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome to join us; no experience necessary! We will continue to make chrusciki on July 25th and August 1st.

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

As I write this, it's hot and humid in most of North America. Sure, it's summer and we expect to be hot. But, it can also prompt short tempers and lethargy. How do you and your beloved deal with heat? What about folks who can't afford air-conditioning? Can you help someone for whom too much heat is more than inconvenient.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JULY 10TH, 2022

Regular Offering: \$1,607.00 (26/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$1607.00	\$4,383.00
Net (over/under):	(\$793.00)	(\$417.00)

Attendance: 5:15PM = 35; 10:30AM = N/A

## At the Feet of Jesus

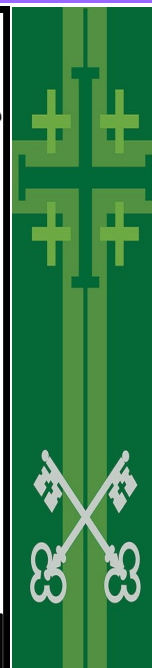
"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10: 38-42



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*"Go and do likewise."*

- Luke 10:37

## *News for Our Partnership*

### **GRAND RAFFLE 2022**

Tickets for Zabawa's Grand Raffle are still available in Holy Trinity's Parish Office. The Grand Prize is \$3,000; Second is \$2,000; and Third is \$1,000. Get yours while they last! Also, if you have tickets to turn in, please do so soon.

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Anyone willing to volunteer your time at Zabawa 2022, please call Holy Trinity's Parish Office with the days and times you would be available and someone will get in contact with you. Come and enjoy this glorious weekend!

### **NOVENA TO GOOD ST. ANN**

All are invited to attend the 103rd annual novena in honor of Good St. Ann at St. Ann Church, 921 East Ave., Erie, July 18-26. Redemptorist Father Phil Dabney will be the guest preacher. Daily Masses will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday Masses are at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Sunday Masses are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The following special celebrations will be held at each Mass on the dates noted:

- Blessing of religious articles, July 20
- Anointing of the Sick, July 22
- Blessing of children, July 23 and July 24
- Blessing of parents and grandparents, July 26 (Feast of St. Ann)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th, in the Saint Stanislaus Rectory courtyard. The communities of St. Stan's, Holy Trinity, and St. Hedwig's are warmly invited to attend. More details will be forthcoming.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

We would like to publicly acknowledge the accomplishments of our students this past academic year. If your son or daughter earned special recognition this past year, please inform the Parish Office so that we can properly recognize their achievements. Please call the Parish Office before this coming Friday, July 22nd.

## **40 DAYS UNTIL ZABAWA 2022**

### **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Be aware that our parishes are completely out of votive candles. An order was placed well before Easter. Hoffman's, who is our supplier, tells us that there are "supply chain issues" and they are not sure when the candles will be delivered. Until further notice, we encourage you to save your votive candle envelopes until we are resupplied. We will keep you posted...

### **Question:**

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

### **Answer:**

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day camp for Catholic young men in grades 9-12 who are striving to follow God's call in their lives, who are considering the priesthood or seminary formation, or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation. Register now for Quo Vadis Days this July 24-27 at St. Mark Seminary in Erie.

### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

7/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 7/19) Bill Dyakon, Fr. Jason Glover, Rob Lintleman; 7/20) Ed Korytowski;  
7/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 7/22) Kathy Wisniewski & Suzanne Sundry;  
7/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 7/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

7/18) Fr. John Santor; 7/19) Fr. Mike Ferrick; 7/20) Fr. Howie King; 7/21) Msgr. John Herbein;  
7/22) Fr. Steve Schreiber; 7/23) Fr. Scott Detisch; 7/24) Fr. Nick Fratus



## Sunday, Jul 17, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

"Let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves."

### You're welcome

The guest room is a modern convenience. It's often a place for shoe-horning out-of-town relatives amid the exercise equipment and stored off-season decorations. In the world of the Bible, hospitality meant more—extending welcome was a religious act, most frequently offered to strangers passing through town. Jesus urges his followers to practice radical hospitality to the poor, sick, prisoners, strangers, and socially marginalized. How does your parish practice visible hospitality? How do you personally make the stranger and outsider feel welcome?

## Monday, Jul 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST, FOUNDER

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

### Hang in there

Relentless is a good word to describe 16th-century soldier-turned priest and patron of hospitals Saint Camillus de Lellis, who simply could not stop caring for the sick—even getting up from his own deathbed to see if other patients needed help. He suffered from a leg disease his whole life, but it was another illness—a gambling addiction—that led to his conversion. The order he founded continues to minister to the sick today. May you find your own vocation in your afflictions and be inspired to pursue it with passion.

## Tuesday, Jul 19, 2022

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

"Shepherd your people with your staff,  
the flock of your inheritance."

### Cultivate contemplation and simplicity

Carmel gets mentioned throughout the Old Testament, as a settlement and a mountain, both named for lush vegetation that grew there. The former was the homeland of King David's wife, Abigail. The latter was the holy mountain, dotted with caves, where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal. These caves also attracted early hermits who would go on to found the Carmelite religious order. Carmelite spirituality—in particular, contemplation and a simple lifestyle. How might your own spiritual life benefit from an increase in contemplation or simplicity?

## Wednesday, Jul 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

"Some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,  
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

### Bounce back

Years back, Timex had a popular slogan claiming that their watches "could take a licking and keep on ticking." No disrespect intended, but that truly could be an epitaph for the courageous Saint Apollinaris, who suffered endless beatings during the Roman persecutions of the early church yet refused to back down or abandon his ministry or his flock. Though his steadfastness eventually led to martyrdom, he lives on in the church's collective memory and admiration. Next time life knocks you down, recall Apollinaris and get back into the ring!

## Thursday, Jul 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, CAPUCHIN PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

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

### Overachiever for God

We're approaching the dog days of summer, but if you're tempted to retreat from work, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi might inspire you otherwise. This overachieving saint was a brilliant linguist and preacher who held positions of leadership in his religious order, the Capuchin Franciscans. He founded multiple friaries, defended against heresies, and performed diplomatic missions. He died of apparent heat exhaustion following a diplomatic mission—working tirelessly until the end. Saint Lawrence poured his all into upholding the faith. Take a moment to consider how you, too, might uplift the faith.

## Friday, Jul 22, 2022

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew,  
'Rabbouni,' which means Teacher."

### It's a paradox

Experiencing God is awesome and incomprehensible—what Catholic theologian Karl Rahner described as "Holy Mystery" and "Infinite Horizon." And yet, this very same God draws close to us, becoming fully human to dwell with us. The experiences of Mary Magdalene with Jesus clearly demonstrate this. Having just saved the world, Jesus, in his first post-Resurrection appearance, comes not in a blaze of glory, but in the tender encounter with Mary and the very intimate calling of her name. Allow yourself to rest in this paradox, knowing that ours is not to figure out the mystery but to be embraced by it!

## Saturday, Jul 23, 2022

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, FOUNDRESS

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!  
I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."

### A saint for all seasons

Bridget of Sweden, born in 1303, did it all: married at the age of 13, mother of eight children she raised with loving care; widow, ascetic, and member of the Franciscan Third Order; foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior; pilgrim to countless shrines, model of simplicity, prophet against church abuses; counselor to king and pope alike, devoted servant of the poor, renowned mystic and author—truly a remarkable woman, a saint for all seasons. Pope Saint John Paul II rightfully proclaimed her co-patron of Europe in 1999. She is an inspiration and reminder that whatever your role or station in life, sanctity can be found.

