

# THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## July 10, 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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We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

### Readings for the week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-37/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37  
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34 - 11:1  
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-8/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13-16/Ps 94:5-15/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-21/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10-12, 16/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**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.

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**"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 11th - Private Intention  
 Tues., July 12th - Clarence Mikolajczak (Family)  
 Wed., July 13th - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)  
 Thurs., July 14th - John Zielinski (Nancy & Dean Haupt)  
 Fri., July 15th - Jolae Ropiecki (Jerome)  
 Sat., July 16th, 4:00PM - Nowakowski & Krasinski Families (Family)  
 Sun., July 17th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **PAULINE & ADAM BOZEK**, as gifted by the Family.



## WHAT JESUS DOESN'T SAY

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so." We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness. And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case. Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one. I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make. What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **JULY 16th**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, July 18th.

## BOILER REPAIR UPDATE

This past week, volunteers removed a vast majority of the piping that will be replaced in late summer. Now, we simply need to wait to get on the boilermaker's schedule to lay the new piping.

A special thanks for those who have supported this necessary project! We will continue to accept donations through August in hopes of not needing to take out a loan.

Once we receive a revised quote, which will account for us doing all of the pipe removal, I will update you on the cost of the project and the amount of funds raised.

- Fr. Jason



Pope John XXIII was well known for his sense of humor and quick wit. In an often-quoted interview with Pope John XXIII, he was asked, "How many people work at the Vatican?" Without hesitation, the Pope replied, "About half of them."

## WEEKLY OFFERING (JULY 3RD, 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 - 4:39:00PM = 43  
 Envelopes: 1118

TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE



## 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 take 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!

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DORIS DAUB** as gifted by Jack & Sandy Kempisty.



July 11 - Tori Koszegi  
July 16 - Ray Luniewski

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 11th - Loretta Lipinski (Debbie Majewski)  
 Tues., July 12th - All Living & Deceased Mothers  
 Wed., July 13th - All Living & Deceased Fathers  
 Thurs., July 14th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)  
 Fri., July 15th - Jack Magraw  
 Sat., July 16th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., July 17th, 10:30AM - Eugenusz Szczepura (Jania & Jozef)

### Ordinary Time

#### Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

#### Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

### CHRUSCIKI MAKING

We will begin making chrusciki for Zabawa 2022 on Monday, July 11th 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 18th and 25th and August 1st.



### Parable of the Good Samaritan

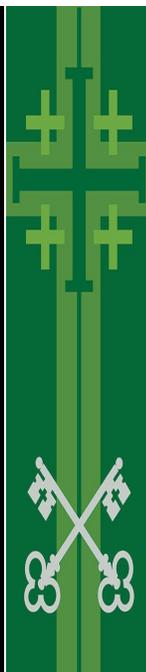
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



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EXPERT	STRIPPED	HEART	PITY	ETERNAL
LEVITE	LIFE	ROBBERS	SAMARITAN	TEST
LAW	INHERIT	SOUL	MIND	DEAD
MERCY	JERICO	LOVE	STRENGTH	NEIGHBOR



### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel. You should worry more about what your children see in your life than what they see on TV. Think about it.

### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JULY 3RD, 2022

Regular Offering: \$X.00 (X/130)

**THIS WEEK**      **JULY 1 TO DATE**

Dream Goal	\$3,000.00	\$X.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$X.00
Total Offered	\$X.00	\$X.00
Net (over/under):	(\$X.00)	\$X.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = X; 10:30AM = X



"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.

**47 DAYS UNTIL  
ZABAWA 2022**

### BE AWARE

Recently, Fr. Jason was made aware of a scam that a parishioner received that **appeared** to originate from a text message sent from his cell phone. The scam asks the recipient to donate Apple gift cards for cancer patients who would like to download soothing music. The scammer will even reply to any response your text back.

**DO NOT FALL VICTIM TO THIS SCAM THAT SEEMS SO GENUINE.** Please know that neither Fr. Jason nor Msgr. Dan — nor any other priest or parish — would ever solicit any kind of donation via text message. If you are ever in question, please call the Parish Office for clarity.

### 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...

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at St. Mary in St. Mary's and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at Holy Cross in Fairview. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.

### LECTIO DIVINA

#### **Question:**

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

#### **Answer:**

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

### 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.

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

7/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 7/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski; 7/13) Mary Brocius & Shirley Widomski; 7/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 7/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 7/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, Kay Stankiewicz, & Richard Valahovic

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

7/11) Fr. Ray Hahn; 7/12) Fr. Ed Walk; 7/13) Msgr. Andy Karg; 7/14) All in Consecrated Life; 7/15) Fr. Chris Wheeler; 7/16) Fr. Sam Bungo

### Sunday, Jul 10, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

"And who is my neighbor?"

#### Right neighborly of you

Mister Rogers sang to children daily about the pleasure and importance of being a good neighbor. A Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers was aware of the biblical power in identifying others as neighbors - rather than competitors, outsiders, or enemies. Jesus flips the traditional meaning of the word when he claims the true neighbor not as one who is geographically near to us, but one who is dear to us and merits our compassion. We recognize our neighbors not by who they are or where they live, but who we are and how we treat them. Choose to be a neighbor to everyone you meet.

### Monday, Jul 11, 2022

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT, FOUNDER

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."

#### Worth pondering

For 1,500 years, Benedictine women and men have been living communally in monasteries all over the world according to the Rule of St. Benedict, a succinct guide that emphasizes prayer, work, simplicity, and hospitality. They take unique vows of stability and ongoing conversion. Draw from the ancient wisdom of the Benedictines by reading the Rule yourself and see how this way of life might enrich your own.

### Tuesday, Jul 12, 2022

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

"Take care you remain tranquil and do not fear; let not your courage fail."

#### Education for everyone

The United Nations has decreed today International Malala Day - after the Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai, who wowed the world with her address to the U.N. on July 12, 2013. Only the year before, the young woman was shot in the head by the Taliban for her advocacy of young girls getting an education. Malala was later an attendee at the 2015 U.N. General Assembly, listening as Pope Francis gave his first address there and insisted that the "right to education... be ensured first and foremost." Learn how Caritas Pakistan continues Catholic advocacy for women and children.

### Wednesday, Jul 13, 2022

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the childlike."

#### Let nothing hold you back

On this day in 1918, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez Santiago was born into a Catholic family in Puerto Rico. While two of his siblings entered religious life, he was unable to achieve his goal of becoming a priest due to poor health. Even so, he maintained a fervent devotion to promoting the faith, running a magazine and discussion groups covering Catholic liturgy. He nevertheless became a musical master and anticipated the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council by promoting active lay participation and vernacular celebrations. He died at age 44 from cancer in 1963, shortly after the Council began, and was beatified in 2001. May Blessed Carlos ever intercede for us to persevere in faith and inspire greater devotion among the faithful!

### Thursday, Jul 14, 2022

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

#### Make cultural connections

Today's saint, Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), suffered the distrust of both of the cultures she belonged to. Many among her tribe of Mohawks rejected her embrace of Christianity. French Canadians, who dominated the Montreal church that she joined, sometimes held her at arm's length—when she and a devout companion, also indigenous, proposed founding a religious order, church authorities nixed the plan. But as a woman with a foot in both worlds, Kateri is seen today as a bridge between indigenous and European cultures in North America. Reconciliation between different groups is sorely needed today: Saint Kateri, pray for us!

### Friday, Jul 15, 2022

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

#### Know your net worth

"If you do not know your own dignity and condition, you cannot value anything at its proper worth," says the wise Saint Bonaventure, noted 13th-century Franciscan theologian and doctor of the church. Take time to think about that admonishment today. Tally your credits and debits—the good and bad you've wrought, your accomplishments and failures. Then remember that nothing goes unnoticed by God: "Even the hairs of your head are all counted" (Matt. 10:30). Why? Because you are God's alone. Let that knowledge shape your understanding of everything. As Bonaventure puts it: "Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God."

### Saturday, Jul 16, 2022

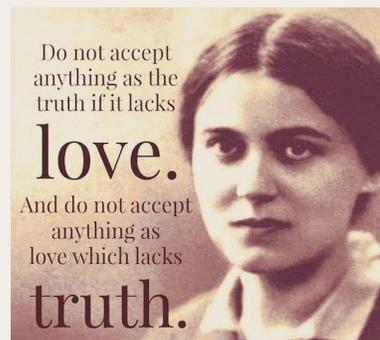
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

"Many people followed him, and he cured them all."

#### Choose a path of devotion

The Third Order of Carmel is an association of lay persons who live according to the spirit of the Carmelite Order and share in its mission. Their charisms are prayer, community, and ministry. Lay Carmelites attend a monthly meeting in which they wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as a sign of their dedication to the Virgin Mary. If possible, they participate in daily Mass and try to spend a half hour in meditation each day, reflecting on scripture. Lay Carmelites also pray the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Divine Office. Though they are not professed religious, they practice the virtues of poverty, chastity and obedience. Pray to Our Lady of Mount Carmel to inspire your own spiritual practice.



Saint

Kateri

Tekakwitha

Feast: July 14th