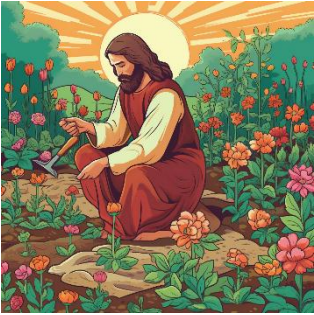


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2026



On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because

the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

-Matthew 13:1-23

St. Kateri Lily of the Mohawks Pray For Us

When the seeds of Christ came to the rich soil of St. Kateri's soul she responded in the astounding ways of saints that can only be explained by the fire of her ardor for Jesus, her God. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin woman who had been captured in a raid and assimilated into the Mohawk people. She was born in Ossernenon, on the south side of the Mohawk River near present-day Auriesville, New York. The Kanienkehaka or Mohawk people pronounce Kateri's name as Gah-deh-LEE (Kateri) Deh-gah-GWEE-tah (Tekakwitha).

When she was four years old, a smallpox outbreak ravaged her village. Her parents and brother died, and Kateri herself was left with a scarred face and permanently darkened vision. Her Mohawk given name, Tekakwitha, means "she who bumps into things," likely in reference to her poor eyesight. Tekakwitha was adopted by her paternal aunt, whose husband was a prominent figure in the Turtle Clan of the Mohawk nation.

In 1666 a French-led raiding party destroyed the Mohawk settlements on the south side of the river; Tekakwitha's family and other survivors moved to the north side of the river and built the fortified village of Caughnawaga. Tekakwitha lived in Caughnawaga beginning in 1666. She became skilled at arts such as beadwork and basket weaving and mostly undertook small handiwork for the community due to her physical disability. In accordance with Iroquois custom, she was engaged to a young boy at about the age of thirteen; however, she wished to remain unmarried. "I can have no spouse but Jesus," she later told her confessor.

As the result of a peace treaty with the French, the Mohawk allowed Jesuit missionaries into their settlements. When Tekakwitha was about eighteen, she began instructions in the Catholic faith. Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, the Jesuit priest with whom she studied catechism, wrote in his journal in the years after her death about Tekakwitha. This text described her before she was baptized as a mild-mannered and well-behaved girl. Lamberville also stated that Kateri did everything she could to stay holy in a secular society, which often caused minor conflicts with her longhouse residents.

On Easter Sunday 1676, she was baptized in Saint Peter's Chapel with water from the spring that stands on Shrine grounds to this day. The current Saint Peter's-

Cont... Chapel is named after this former Jesuit mission. Kateri is the Mohawk form of her baptismal name, Catherine, which she chose in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena.

Late in 1677 Kateri relocated to the Mission of Saint Francis Xavier, a Catholic Native settlement near what is now Montreal. On Christmas Day 1677 she made her first communion, and on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679 she made a vow of perpetual virginity; however, her vow was not formally recognized by a bishop. Kateri's retention of Iroquois ascetic practices, which in many cases exceeded the severity of European Catholic penances of the same time period, also caused controversy. Priests in the community discouraged her in these acts due to their negative impact on her already poor health. She is quoted as saying, "I will willingly abandon this miserable body to hunger and suffering, provided that my soul may have its ordinary nourishment." In this period, she also developed a strong friendship with another young woman called Marie Thérèse Tegaiaanguenta. The two women broached the idea of forming a Native religious order, but the Jesuit missionaries rejected the suggestion.

Kateri's health failed, and she died on April 17, 1680, at the age of 23 or 24. According to Fr. Claude Chauchetière's biography of Kateri, her last words were addressed to her close friend Marie Thérèse Tegaiaanguenta: "I am leaving you. I am about to die.... Take courage, despise the discourse of those who have no faith... I will love you in heaven, I will pray for you, I will assist you." In the weeks after her death, she is said to have appeared to her mentor Anastasia Tegonhatsiong, Marie Thérèse, and Chauchetière. Within four years, pilgrimages to the site of her tomb had begun and numerous healing miracles were attributed to her.

She is associated with outsiders, exiles, orphans, and people ridiculed for their beliefs. She is also patroness of Indigenous people, patroness of ecology and ecologists, and Protectress of Canada. Her Feast Day is July 14.

Kateri was declared Venerable by Pope Pius XII on January 3, 1943; beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II on June 22, 1980; and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. This National Shrine was established to honor Saint Kateri and to continue her legacy of devotion, healing, and intercultural encounter between Native and European Americans.-Kateri Shrine

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II: Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

FINANCE

Regular =\$4,224

2nd Collection this weekend = Building and Maintenance
AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$22,474 **Rec'd=\$19,554**

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 11

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Pat Folkins St. Joseph Church

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, July 13

12:15 pm +Kelly Cahill St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, July 14

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, July 15

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration/ Confession
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, July 16

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, July 17

12:15 pm +Keith Balderson St. Bernard Church
1:00-2:00 pm Confessions St. Bernard Church

Saturday, July 18

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +John DeMartini St. Joseph Church

Sunday, July 19

7:30 am +Fran Hill St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Larry and Shirley Kryla St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Jim Hogue and Family, Wilma D'Sa and Family, Kimberly Ennis, Terri, Marian Griffin, Johnny, Lucy Sokolow, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion, Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., John Johnston, Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Martin Fosnaugh, Sylvia Clark, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers, Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Massimo Matteoli, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Derick Wyatt, Fran Hill, Dennis and Gina Costa, Joe Hohmen, Sandra Cofer, Lena Petty, Fred Emerson, John Gierek, Gloria Allen, Rebecca Bertain, Roseann Cooney, Lorraine Holland, Sandra Lingle, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Rosealee Schuler, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, - Cont... Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, and Delores McBroome

St. Bernard's Phone Prayer Line

For those who are interested in joining the prayer chain or anyone with a prayer request, please call Alan / Illeen at (707) 442-6844. *"Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts our thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love~ St. Teresa of Avila"*

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets. **Report: 13,214!**

Rosaries prayed last week = 58 Cumulative= 13,214

The St. Bernard Parish Office is closed this week. Angela is on vacation. See you next week.

Rodeo Parade Walkathon "Darn Tootin' Life is Good!"

Benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe Medical is on Saturday, July 18th, 2025 @10:30am. Meet at Calvary Chapel 914 9th St. Fortuna. Come walk for life or sponsor someone who walks. All donations are tax deductible To sponsor a walker you may sign up at the St. Bernard office 707-442-6466 www.pcceureka.org jrophemedical.org

Bilingual Women's Retreat – Diocese of SR

All women ages 18 and older are warmly invited to the Diocese of Santa Rosa Women's Retreat on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, at Cathedral of St. Eugene. This year's theme, "Where Do You Find Your Worth as a Daughter of God?", invites women to rediscover their true dignity as beloved daughters of God. For more information and registration, visit www.srcatholicwomen.org or QR

Sacred Heart Church Festival - Sunday, August 9!

When: Sunday, August 9, 2025 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
What: Join us for tacos, chicharrones, tamales, Mexican style corn, mole, menudo, shaved ice, desserts, and lots of games! If you have any questions, you may contact the office. Mon-Wed 9:00 am- 4:00 pm at (707) 443-8429 Thank you for supporting this good cause. *Tamales may be pre-ordered with Salvador Tejada (707) 407-7356 La docena cuesta solo \$30. Gracias por apoyar esta buena causa. See you there!*

Registration for Religious Education Classes -

for St. Joseph, St. Bernard and Sacred Heart will begin on July 12, 2026; registration closes on August 23, 2026. Children in the 7th grade (13 years old) can register for the first year of religious instruction for Confirmation. Children in 1st grade (7 years old) can register for the first year of religious instruction for first communion. You can come to the Sacred Heart parish office on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Registration donations help us with the cost of textbooks, classroom materials, and facilities usage. (No child will be turned away because of financial need. Base family registration donation (\$60/one child; \$90/two children; \$110/three or more children). Please complete the registration form per child and bring the completed form(s), together with the baptismal certificate or birth certificate if not baptized.

La inscripción para las clases de educación

religiosa para San José, San Bernardo y el Sagrado Corazón comenzará el 12 de julio de 2026. Las inscripciones se cierran el 23 de agosto 2026. Los niños de 7 grado (13 años) pueden registrarse para el primer año de instrucción religiosa para la Confirmación. Los niños de 1er grado (7 años) pueden inscribirse al primer año de instrucción religiosa para La primera comunión. Puede venir a la oficina parroquial del Sagrado Corazón los martes y jueves de 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. Las donaciones de inscripción nos ayudan para el costo de los libros, los materiales del aula y el uso de las instalaciones. (Ningún niño será rechazado por necesidad financiera). Donación base de registro familiar (\$60/un niño; \$90/dos niños; \$110/tres o más niños). Por favor complete el formulario de registro por niño y traiga el formulario completo, junto con el certificado de bautismo o certificado de nacimiento si no está bautizado.