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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	July 12 & 13
Collection	245 + 650
Mass Attendance	11 & 14 + 61
Wheeling Flood Relief	10 + 20

Thank you for your contribution

Liturgy Schedule
RISEN LORD CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**

Liturgy Schedule

ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)
 Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.
 prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION:

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
- *Other days by appointment*

READERS & Offertory Gifts

July 20: Beata Pawlowski & Jane + Fore Dever

July 27: Candy Teubert & Kari + Fred

HAPPY BIRTH DAY

Chloe Walker—July 25

LECTORS, EXTRA—MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION & ALTAR SERVERS COORINATOR

We have the Signing List, at the back of the church, for all who would like to serve as Lectors, Extra-ministers of the Holy Communion, or to help the Altar Servers.

Mrs. Bernadette M. Kime, Director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments of our Diocese, will have a **workshop** for us

from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, August 9, 2025

Please sign your name if you want to serve in any of the above ministries !!!

OCIA Catechists Workshop

will be provided at various places in our Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in August and September, 2025.

On **Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm**

Please register at <https://dwc.org/ocia-workshop/> or call (304) 233-0880

If you are available to serve in this ministry.

Further information can be found on the bulletin board at the front entrance

Registration for Sunday School 2025-2026

We begin to have registration for the coming year Sunday School. Parents, please pick up the form at the back of the church and fill them out.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation !!!

July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: **Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word.**

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES & SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glancing through today's Gospel passage, we see that Jesus seems to say something that contradicts what he shared in last Sunday's Gospel. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shared a valuable lesson on compassionate love and service through the parable of the Good Samaritan. However, in today's Gospel, Jesus appears to offer discouraging words to Martha's ardent hospitality and service.

However, if we are spending more time on today's Gospel passage, we can learn that good service involves three important facets.

Firstly, good service, in the spirit of the Good News, needs to be selfless. Serving without selflessness may lead us to be prideful or self-centered, promoting self-interest. Service without selflessness can lead us to disregard God and others, as seen in the Pharisee's prayer in the temple, where he said, "I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all that I get" (Luke 18:12). Such a boastful prayer is displeasing to God.

Secondly, good service involves good listening. First of all, we need to listen to the voice of conscience to see whether our service is rooted in God's love. If our service does not have love, whether it is great or small, it is meaningless, like St. Paul said, "if I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

Then we know how to listen to those we serve. Good service usually involves the right time, the right place, the right way, and the right need, among other things. Importantly, serving the Good News, first, we need to listen to God. Our service is only good and has good meaning when it is carried out according to God's will. To discover God's will, we should listen to God's voice in Scripture, through prayer, and relate to God through the Holy Eucharist. The Psalmist said, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105); or Jesus said, "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock" (Matthew 7:24)

Ultimately, good service requires adequate rest. We observe that the progression of the contemporary world necessitates intense competition. People often have to invest long hours at work, endure heavy traffic, work overtime, or hold two or three jobs. There is so little time for family, for friends, and especially for spiritual nourishment. Based on the recent statistics, about 21 million adults in the United States (National Institute of Mental Health's 2021 statistics) and over 280 million people worldwide (World Health Organization's 2024 statistics) are estimated to have symptoms of depression. Serving without proper rest can keep us away from our loved ones and God, and our lives might be in danger.

In today's Gospel, Jesus told Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest", Jesus says. (Matthew 11:28) May each one of us listen to God's invitation – to make time to come and rest in God, so that God can strengthen us, bless us and guide us, then our spiritual life will grow holistically and in balance. Amen.



Special Thanks

BENEFACTORS & VOLUNTEERS

Food Pantry—July 2025

Marian Agostino, Dot Shimko, Mary Hailer, Louise Elwood, Dale Elwood, Caleb Shaver, Lucas Shimko, Alex Shimko, Connie Moore, John Moore, Rick Allen, Tom Teubert & Eric Wilson



Million thanks to
the Benefactors and Volunteers
who helped to prepare the food packages
on Wednesday, July 9, 2025
and to share foods and items with
46 families and young mothers on
Thursday, July 10, 2025.
May God bless you and your families graciously.

Let us continue to pray for the all who are
travelling to visit families and friends throughout
this summer that they may have safe trips
and enjoy precious time together with families,
friends and all in God's goodness and blessings.



St. James the Greater Youth Camp 2025
Great Appreciation
to
St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV,
Benefactors, Deacon Dave Galvin, Isaias Martinez, Galvin Schafsnitz,
Rovin Lara, Luke Cheveland and Aiden Pressl for donating and helping to
replace the roof of St. Thomas' Rectory in Gassaway.
Also thank you to all the leaders and youths for your generous help and
sacrifice throughout the last week to help us, and families,
and churches throughout the surrounding regions.
May God's richest blessings continue to pour upon you, your precious
ministries, families and friends. May these young men and women
continue to growth with their gifts, talents, skills and wisdom in God's
blessings and love.

