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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES-19 JULY, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

18July	Sat	**3:00pm**	Baptism	**22July**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Mass
		6:30pm	Holy mass				
				23July	Thu	**6.00pm**	
		7:30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass				
19July	Sun	**10.00am**	All Parishioners	**24July**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
20July	Mon	**6:00pm**		**25July**	Sat	**3:00pm**	
21July	Tue	**6.00pm**					

Syro-Malabar Holy Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 PM. Adoration every Friday after Holy Mass.

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Mass Readings for Today:

First Reading: **Wisdom 12:13,16-19** "You give repentance for sins"
Responsorial Psalm: **Ps.86:5-6,9-10,15-16 (R.5) "**Lord, you are good and forgiving".
Second reading: **Romans 8:26-27 "**The spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words".
Gospel: **Mathew 13: 24-33 "**Let both of them grow together until the harvest".

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents who wish to prepare their children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming year are kindly requested to register their names with the parish. This will assist us in planning the program and arranging the necessary materials and books. Application forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

SANTA CRUZAN CELEBRATION AND FIESTA – AUGUST 8–9, 2026

The **Canadian-Filipino Association of the Yukon (CFAY)** and **Our Lady of Victory Parish (OLOV)** are delighted to invite all parishioners and friends to participate in this year's **Santa Cruzan Celebration and Fiesta**, to be held on **Saturday and Sunday, August 8–9, 2026**. The **Santa Cruzan** is a cherished Filipino Catholic tradition that honors the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and commemorates the finding of the **Holy Cross** by **Saint Helena**. More than a cultural celebration, it is a joyful expression of our faith, bringing together families and the entire parish community in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship. Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part in this special celebration. Your presence will help make this occasion a meaningful witness to our Catholic faith and a joyful celebration of our rich cultural heritage.

RETURNING BABY BOTTLES

We kindly remind everyone who has not yet returned their baby bottle for the Pregnancy Care Yukon fundraiser to please do so as soon as possible. Please return your baby bottle directly to the parish priest or to Carole. **Kindly do not leave your bottle unattended in the entrance of the church**, as we want to ensure that every donation is received safely. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has participated in supporting this important ministry. Your generosity helps provide hope and practical assistance to mothers, babies, and families in need.

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING

Registration is now open for the free online Pastoral Care Outreach Training offered by the Diocese of Victoria. The nine-session program will be held on Saturday mornings from **September 26 to November 28, 2026** (no session on October 10). It is open to anyone interested in learning how to accompany and care for those who are sick, elderly, lonely, or in palliative care. To register by **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, please contact the Diocese of Whitehorse at **contact@rcdw.ca** or **867-667-2052**. For more information, please visit the diocesan website or contact the office.

SIXTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

On Sunday, July 26, the Church will celebrate the Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This year's theme is: **"I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).** We invite everyone to pray for our grandparents and elderly, thank them for their faith, wisdom, and love, and, if possible, visit or spend time with them. May God bless them with good health, peace, joy, and his abiding love.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 20: St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord: St. Mary Magdalene was a prominent 1st-century follower of Jesus from Magdala. Known as the "Apostle to the Apostles", she was miraculously healed by Jesus, supported his ministry, witnessed his crucifixion, and was the first to see the risen Christ.

July 25: St. James the Apostle: was a Galilean fisherman and one of Jesus Christ's closest inner-circle disciples, along with his brother John and Peter. He famously witnessed pivotal events like the Transfiguration and was the first apostle to be martyred.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For Respect for Human Life:

"Lord of life, You created us in love and called us to live in fullness. Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face, from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth".

POPE LEO XIV

FOR THE SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I will never forget you (Is 49:15)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands (cf. *Is* 49:16) and that his love is greater than a mother's love for her child (cf. *Is* 49:15). The prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole. Even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us, and everyone can hear that "I will never forget you" spoken directly to them.

These are words that fill us with comfort and hope. They are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me" (*Is* 49:14). How often in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Psalms, does prayer spring from the despair of those who feel that their lives are of no interest to anyone and are being neglected! The painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people.

God's love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost. The lives of many elderly people, in particular, seem to be covered by a veil that blurs the features of their faces and shrouds them in oblivion. This is what happens in homes where loneliness reigns and also in those care facilities where each person's uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness.

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, "But I will never forget you," take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness" (Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

The Church understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden; she is aware that a profit-driven economy weakens family ties; she knows that many elderly people are left behind by children who are forced to migrate or, in some cases, to fight in wars. For each of these reasons, she joyfully proclaims the Lord's promise: "But I will never forget you!"

It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as John Paul I said, that we are the recipients "of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother" (*Angelus*, 10

September 1978). Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, the truth is that even in old age we do not cease to be sons and daughters; therefore, the invitation to return to the arms of God — whose love is both paternal and maternal — remains worthwhile at any age.

For many, the discovery of God's tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Indeed, unlike in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In such cases, old age — beginning with the questions that arise with greater urgency during this season of life — can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life. On this new journey, one can recognize that God, as Saint Augustine says, "is a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects" (*Commentary on Psalm 27*, II, 18). It is an awareness that helps us not to feel ashamed of the fragility that emerges and also to understand that we are always in need of one another and in need of attention and care. To God, who draws near to us and whom we learn to recognize in his tenderness, we can now turn with filial trust in prayer. It is never too late to begin turning to him. It can be a great gift for everyone.

Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a "new people" (*Catechesis*, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this "new people," on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person's companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when "we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace" (*Meeting with the Algerian community*, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

This is how we can live out our old age as Christians: "fragile" yet at the same time "called." A man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age (cf. *Jn* 3:4-6) and exclaim, with the prophet: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (*Is* 30:15). This strength can become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace. In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world.

Dear elderly brothers and sisters, I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!

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