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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS				July 19, 2026	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	July	18	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Brian Wilson by Blanche Wilson
Sunday	July	19	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Trace Allen by Kristin & Ryan Oestreich
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	All Parishioners
Tuesday	July	21	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Ina Garrison by Kenton & Linda Brown
Wednesday	July	22	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Janice Hattan by Greg Hattan
Thursday	July	23	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Jerry Sorell by Dennis Alexander
Friday	July	24	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roxana Marcotte by Norm & Cindy Francis
Saturday	July	25	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Amanda Girard by Mary Girard
Sunday	July	26	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+LaRoy & Gevine Hoesli by Mary Gilstrap

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
July 19	Stephen Kieffer	Adam Rogge Family	Barb Lange	David Leiszler	Mike Kantack Linda Kantack Susan Bechard	Grady Wurtz Warric Gelino	Francis Cox Kayla Darden	Wade Knoettgen Stan Marshall	Jamie Rogge Kristin Oestrich
July 26	Mike Kantack	Matt Schwab Family	Diane Steinbrock	Kristen Oestrich	Deanne Jackson Steve Bechard April Fahey	Annika Wernecke Remi Wurtz	Jerry & Sue Long	Travis Wurtz Matt Schwab	Matt Schwab Travis Wurtz

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
July 18	Stephanie Girard	Noel Garrison & Kathleen Sorell	Steve Biery	Cathy Koch	Kristi Koch Bernard Debes	Cohen Girard Remy Girard	Derek Drake Family	
July 19	Choir	Rusty & Becky Sikes	Julie Steier	Jeff Koch	Guy Steier MaryLynn Delude	Zach Bulleigh	Lucas Bulleigh Family	Kenton & Linda Brown
July 25	Eric Stenberg	Scott & Dawn Seifert	Weston Girard	Karen Leiszler	Norm Francis Cindy Francis	Cooper Girard	Ron Girard Family	
July 26	Choir	Guy & Julie Steier	Jody Sipe	Gary Sipe	Audra Walter Curtis Walter	Ryan LeClair	Stan Bergstrom Family	John & Cindy Chavey

Finance totals: St. John July 12th - Plate: \$299.00, Envelopes: \$1,610.00, Missionary Priest Collection: \$954.00
St. Mary July 12th - Plate: \$103.00, Envelopes: \$920.00, Missionary Priest Collection: \$755.00

Homebound Ministry: Kara Nobert

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, July 21 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outreach Ministers for July: Circle One- Linda Brown & Jennifer Koch

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. John- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday and 30 mins before daily Mass.
St. Mary -7:45-8:15 a.m. Sunday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

Pastor Notes

Missionary Priest: Thank you for welcoming Fr. Simon Peter last weekend and for your support of his diocese in Colombia. He was very grateful for your warm welcome. If you still want to support his home diocese you can drop your check or envelope off at the office. Make checks out to the parish.

Eucharistic Conference: The Diocese is once again putting on a Eucharistic Conference in Hays on July 31 - August 1 with keynote speaker, Fr. Mathias Thelen. Information and registration can be found at <https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2/>. I hope many parishioners will be able to attend, if not for both days, at least for Saturday!

St. Mary's Building Update: The civil engineer has finished his formal site plan for the building site. Now we can move forward on getting the dirt removed and properly graded. Progress is being made!

Parish News

Flocknote Online Giving: Parishioners are now able to automatically schedule their regular (weekly/monthly) parish contributions online using Flocknote. If you're interested in setting this up, go to:

St. John Parishioners: stjohnclyde.flocknote.com/give

St. Mary Parishioners: stmaryclifton.flocknote.com/give

If needed, check out our website for instructions at cliftonclydecatholic.com/give

Of Wheat and Weeds: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19

Psalms 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16

Romans 8:26–27

Matthew 13:24–43

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.