

St. John the Baptist Parish & St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July	11	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Leo & Theresa Deaver by Mary, Ruth & Don Girard
Sunday	July	12	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roy Hamel by Maryclara Joyce
Tuesday	July	14	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roxanne Marcotte by Christy & Steve Rogers
Wednesday	July	15	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Jerry Sorell by Mike & Linda Kantack
			5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	No Mass
Thursday	July	16	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	No Mass
Friday	July	17	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Ina Garrison by Dennis & Janice Burdick
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

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
July 12	Francis Cox	Drew & Kalli Deaver	Deanne Jackson	Mike Kantack	April Fahey Monica Wurtz Sue Long	Remi Wurtz Warric Gelino	Rocky Fahey Family	Rocky Fahey Travis Wurtz	Lindsey Leiszler Jamie Rogge
July 19	Stephen Kieffer	Adam Rogge Family	Barb Lange	David Leiszler	Mike Kantack Linda Kantack Susan Bechard	Grady Wurtz	Francis Cox Kayla Darden	Wade Knoettgen Stan Marshall	Jamie Rogge Kristin Oestrich

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
July 11	Karen Leiszler	Brady Birdsall Family	Remy Girard	Steve Rogers	Dawn Seifert Scott Seifert	Cooper Girard	Eric Stenberg Family	
July 12	Choir	Mary Lou & Gary Channell	Beth Bergstrom	Jackie Koch	Jackie Askren Greg Askren	Ryan LeClair	Douglas Koch Family	Derek & Dana Sandmann
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

Finance totals: St. John July 5th – Plate: \$1,819.00, Envelopes: \$2,420.00

St. Mary July 5th - Plate: \$204.00, Envelopes: \$2,000.00

Homebound Ministry: Jackie Koch

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, July 14 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, July 15 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 and for your support of his home diocese in Colombia. We're blessed to have Fr. Simon serving in our diocese (at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina).

Eucharistic Adoration: As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, Bishop Vincke will be inviting the youth of our diocese to commit to one hour a week of Eucharistic Adoration. I think this invitation can and should be extended to all the Catholics of our diocese. So I am inviting and encouraging each member of our parish to commit to spending one hour a week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I promise it will bless you, your family, and our parish! If you are ready to make this commitment, please let me know.

Eucharistic Exposition vs. Adoration: Eucharistic Exposition specifically refers to when the Eucharist is placed in the monstrance on the altar for a specific period of time. This allows the faithful to visibly see the Eucharist during their time of prayer. During Exposition, there must always be someone present. St. John has Eucharistic Exposition on Wednesdays from 7 am - 1 pm and St. Mary has Exposition on Tuesdays from 4 - 6 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration can take place even when the Eucharist is reserved in the tabernacle. It can happen anytime day or night whenever a Catholic Church is open. Jesus is always present and waiting for us to come spend time with Him.

Put another way, all Exposition is Adoration, but Exposition is not required for Adoration. Exposition is a special type of Adoration.

Parish News

Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Tumaco, Colombia: Fr. Simon Peter Luswata Mbaziira, parochial vicar at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina will be celebrating Mass at our parishes this weekend.

Fr. Simon Peter is of Ugandan birth and nationality. After his seminary formation he went to Colombia, South America, where he was ordained a priest in 2014. Last Year Bishop Vincke invited him to the Salina Diocese.

There will be a second donation to support his mission in Colombia. These donations help support the formation of local catechists and lay ministers and travel throughout the diocese due to few priests and vast communities. All donations will go through the diocese of Salina.

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

The Word's Return: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10–11

Psalms 65:10–14

Romans 8:18–23

Matthew 13:1–23

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel especially.

Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17–19; 5:29).

But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.