



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Who wouldn't appreciate some real rest? Most of us fall into the category of those "who labor." We have our jobs to do, our families to tend to, our responsibilities to take care of. Often, the tasks seem endless and our time seems so limited. How can we justify "rest" with so many things on our to-do lists? Even recreation can be labor intensive when it involves planning, preparing, traveling, or hosting. And our default modes of "resting"--whether it be watching television, taking a nap, or chatting with a friend--rarely refresh us for more than a few hours. But the rest Jesus is describing is different than this. He isn't talking about an occasional "time-out" from the duties of life. Jesus is offering us a deeper kind of relief, a liberation from the exhaustion of life.

This freedom comes when we take his yoke on our shoulders. Jesus tells us, in essence, to align ourselves with him--to do our work with him. All of our duties and responsibilities can be done with Jesus at our side. He does not promise that our obligations will magically disappear. The "rest" he offers is a kind of peace even amidst our daily lives. The refreshment Jesus brings is the comfort of his presence as we engage in the everyday tasks that we are called to do. It is not that there are no longer burdens to bear; rather, the burden is "light" when we share it with the Lord. But just how do we share the load? Perhaps by starting the morning in prayer asking Jesus to assist us, or by seeking his guidance in daily decisions, or by offering our actions to him. However we do it, when we come to him as he asked, he promises, "you will find rest."



July 9, 2017
Holy Rosary Parish
June 11, 2017
Meschell Brascia

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/
Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-
21/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/
Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

To schedule intentions for Mass at Holy Rosary, contact Holy Rosary Office during office hours or leave a message at 601-583-9404. The stipend is 10.00!



Date	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
July 9		Linda	Arthur, Voncile
July 16	Nikki	Linda	Shirley, Arthur
July 23		Charo	Linda, Nikki
Altar Servers	July 9 AJ Sneed Adam Sneed	July 16 Ameze Eknuwe Avery Leverette	June 23 AJ Sneed Adam Sneed



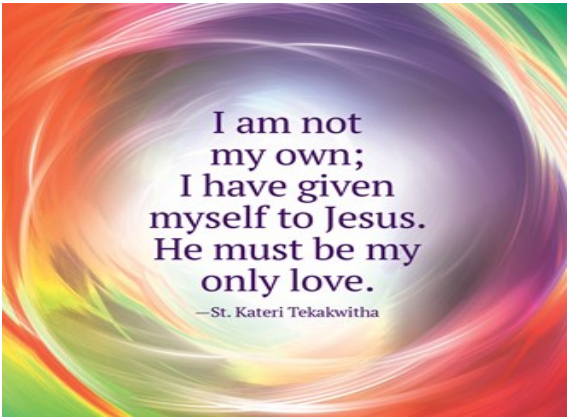
**KATERI
TEKAKWITHA
FRIDAY,
JULY 14TH**

The daughter of an Algonquin mother and a Mohawk chief was born in 1656. When she was four years old her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri survived, but the disease left her scarred and her sight impaired. She was named "Tekakwitha," which means "she who bumps into things." Kateri's uncle took her in, and although she wanted to practice the religion of her mother, her uncle discouraged her. At the age of eighteen, Kateri began studying the Catholic religion in secret. After a time, her uncle gave his permission for her to become a Christian as long as she did not leave the village. There, she put up with ridicule because of her faith. In 1676, Kateri fled to Canada where she made her first Communion on Christmas, 1677. Although the last years of her life were difficult Kateri was known for her kindness and good humor. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Benedict in 2012.



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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

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