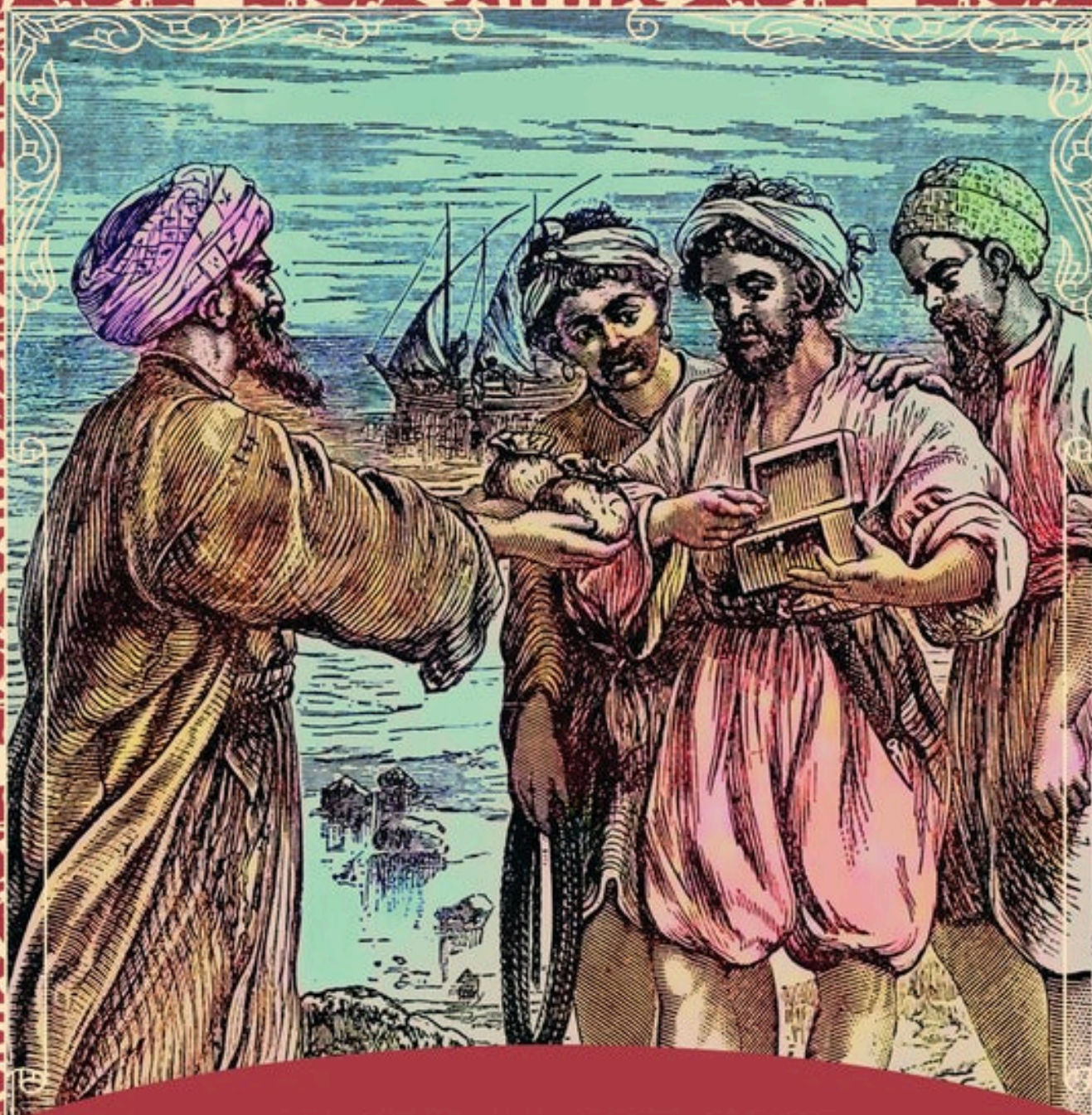




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St. Joseph Church 22nd Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 9th, following the **10:00 am Mass**. We will have coffee & donuts right after Mass, along with some music. The meal will be served at 12:00 NOON. There will be raffles, games, 50/50, and music! If you would like to bring a dish to share, please call either Vanessa or Barb to let them know what you will bring. We are also looking for some non-refridgerated desserts to share. See the insert in the bulletin for information and also the reservation form. RSVP by August 3rd!

A Family Perspective: In today's Gospel, the man "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are true "treasures" that demand our total personal investment. Dedicate yourself fully to the "treasure" of your family.

Sacred Heart Parish Bingo--Friday, August 7. Doors open @ 4:00 pm. FREE lunch served @ 5:30 pm. Early bird @ 6:30 pm. Regular games @ 6:45 pm.

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THE 12 APOSTLES

Today, and in these next weeks, I will be sharing with you about the lives of the twelve Apostles, whom Jesus Our Lord chose, in order to carry on His Message about the Kingdom of God and to establish His Church that will last until He returns someday in all His Glory. I will introduce the Apostles beginning in alphabetical order. The first Apostle I will start with is Andrew.

ANDREW: St. Andrew, one of the first of the Apostles, along with his brother, St. Peter, was called by Jesus as they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus simply said; "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men..." (Mt 4: 20a) Andrew and Peter immediately started to follow Jesus.

Before this encounter with Jesus, Andrew was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. Andrew was used to following a religious leader. So it was certainly possible that now being called by Jesus the Messiah, he would anticipate an even greater loyalty and a greater lasting purpose, especially when Jesus made the connection of Andrew's calling to his fishing career..."I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4: 20b) In other words, to both Andrew and Peter, Jesus, by that statement, meant that from now on in following and learning from Jesus, your words and actions will go out to other people, like a fishing net, and bring them into the peace of the kingdom and the way Jesus Himself was proclaiming.

Tradition has it that St. Andrew preached the Gospel in Scythia, and some early fathers of the church mention that he possibly went to Greece, Russia, Poland, and Byzantium. He died in Patras, as a martyr, by crucifixion on a cross in the shape of an X.

His Feast Day is November 30th and he is the Patron Saint of Fishermen.

St. Andrew, pray for us!

BARTHOLOMEW: It is important to first point out that, according to Matthew's Gospel, Bartholomew's name is mentioned as being "with Philip." (Mt 9: NAB) In John's Gospel, Chapter One, verses 43-51, Jesus calls and develops a conversation with a friend of Philip called Nathanael, who was Bartholomew. Jesus' conversation with Nathanael is recorded as follows: "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him and said of him;

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 27, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Wanda Mastrian 81st wedding anniversary	Father Mark & family	Weekday	Jer 13: 1-11 Mt 13: 31-35 (401)
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Timothy Sims	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	Jer 14: 17-22 Mt 13: 36-43 (402)
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 No Mass			Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Jer 15: 10, 16-21 (403) Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42 (607)
Thursday, July 30, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ronald Mitchell	Janice Levenduski	Weekday <i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Jer 18: 1-6 Mt 13: 47-53 (404)
Friday, July 31, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Eddie Levenduski 4th anniversary	wife-Janice	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Jer 26: 1-9 Mt 13: 54-58 (405)
Saturday, August 01, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leonard Lovenduski	Tom Levenduski	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Jer 26: 11-16, 24 Mt 14: 1-12 (406)
Saturday, August 01, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Frank & Ann Michelini wedding anniversary	children	Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 02, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 55: 1-3 Rom 8: 35, 37-39 Mt 14: 13-21 (112)

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'Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!' Nathanael said to Him, 'How do you know me?' Jesus answered him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.' Nathanael answered Him, 'Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' (Jn 1: 47-49) *Ignatius RSV Catholic Study Bible*

Tradition has it that St. Bartholomew (Nathanael) went to India and preached in Armenia. It was there that he suffered martyrdom through crucifixion. His Feast Day is August 24th and he is the Patron Saint of Plasterers.

St. Bartholomew, pray for us! Amen!

God Bless, Father Mark

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