

The Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16a

Our Extravagant God

A couple of years ago, Barbara Kingsolver wrote a book entitled *Prodigal Summer*. It tells the story of young woman who got pregnant during a summer within which everything seemed to be dangerously fertile. From the plants, through the insects, through the animals, to the people, everything seemed to be teeming with fecundity, overactive, overabundant in seed. Life seemed to be bursting forth everywhere. The title of the book is good metaphor for what she describes, a summer overabundant in fertility.

And if life is so prodigal, what does this say about God, its author? God, as we see in both nature and in scripture (and know from experience),

is over-generous, over-lavish, over-extravagant, over-prodigious, over-rich, and over-patient. If nature, scripture, and experience are to be believed, God is the absolute antithesis of everything that is stingy, miserly, frugal, narrowly calculating, or sparing in what it doles out. God is prodigal.

Among other things, this speaks of God's infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation in that. The challenge, of course, is to respond to the infinite number of invitations that God scatters on our path from minute to minute. The consolation is that, no matter how many of God's invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others.

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**Pilgrims of
Fatima
Shrine at
Lourdes,
France**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
RECRUITMENT DRIVE AT FATIMA
SHRINE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
AT 10 AM MASS**

Knights of Columbus: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #14224 is a fraternal organization open to Catholic men ages 18 and older. The Knights is a service organization whose members commit to pledging volunteer hours of service by helping the Church, our families, and our local community.

Our core principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We sponsor local charities and youth programs and strive to meet the needs of local churches and other worthy causes through fundraising and service.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, September 20, 10 AM | 1 PM
| Fatima Days 6 pm
+ Jennifer Libby Bryson | Perfecto & Luzvismin Asperin

MONDAY, September 21, 7:30 AM
+ Robert McWilliam

TUESDAY, September 22, 7:30 AM
+ Maria L. Bertone (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 7:30 AM
+ Laurie J. Fontini

THURSDAY, September 24, 7:30 AM
+ Antonio Larouco

FRIDAY, September 25, 7:30 AM
+ Paula Dedominici

SATURDAY, September 26, 10 AM
+ Jacqueline Ford

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