



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 Donald Cremering from Carol Nieberding
12:00 Larry Yung from The 12pm Ushers

Monday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

12:10 Diane Zuk from The Zuk Family

Tuesday, July 7

12:10 Dolores Greene May from Steve & Terry Brandstetter

Wednesday, July 8

12:10 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry

Thursday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest

12:10 Betty O'Toole from Frank & Stephanie

Friday, July 10,

12:10 Stephen & Frances Rog from The Ryan Family

Saturday, July 11, St. Benedict, Abbott

12:10 Ed Billiter from Dan Mott

7:00 Sally Saylor from Bill & Jane Stacey

Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry

12:00 Marsha Striley form Sondra & James Niemann

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL
BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY
MASSES at Strosecincinnati.org

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE
CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience
and cooperation.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

Whatever you ask for in prayer and do so in faith, you will receive.

~Mt 21:22

Reflection. *A great faith merits great graces from the Lord.*

The more things your trust dares to ask of the Lord, the more you will receive.

~St Bernard

Prayer. *Lord Jesus, grant me a strong faith and an unwavering trust in You.*

Help me especially in times of trial when everything appears bleak. You seem far way, and I am afraid.

Dear Friends,

We are now entering the 5th month in a world wide pandemic. The COVID-19 virus has shut us in, closed businesses down, spread a lot of fear and anxiety and ultimately killed a lot of people in a short time. The question some may ask is where is the Lord in all this? Jesus never abandon us, He walks with us during these difficult times, He is our rock in the midst of the storm. God is not up there pulling strings but has given us (his creation) the freedom to make choices in life. Human kind has been broken since the fall of Adam and it is only in Jesus that we try to recover from that fall (the original sin). The Lord has given us the Holy Spirit to enlighten the minds of scientists as they work to find a vaccine for this virus. We should pray that the Holy Spirit speeds us along in that process. As we wait for that to happen it is important we follow the guidelines of washing our hands, sanitizing, wearing a mask in a crowd and social distancing. This is getting old and may be a pain for a time but necessary to keep ourselves and others well.

We, as a church, can also continue to build up his kingdom by staying in touch with our neighbors especially the elderly and alone. We can collect food for our local soup kitchens. We can clean out our cupboards and donate the items to St. Vincent DePaul. We can spend extra time at home in prayer. We can stay positive and patient looking for the good and not the bad. We can start to change bad habits.

I will be praying for you all as we continue this strange and weird detour in our journey of life. Be assured Jesus is there loving us, caring for us and moving us along.

Please pray for me. God Bless Fr. Barry

Sunday Funny

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. AT one house it seemed obvious that someone was home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed at the next worship service, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10" Reaching for his bible to check out the citation he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

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Opening Prayer

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

As we journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter him teaching, preaching, praying, and praising. In today's gospel, he seems to do all at once! The passage opens with Jesus addressing God as "Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth." In some ways this prefigures the language later creeds will use and that we proclaim in the Nicene Creed when we say, "[O]ne God, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." The phrase "heaven and earth" may also call to mind the opening verse of Genesis, though there the first term is plural: "heavens and earth." The phrase refers to all of creation. It is the handiwork of the Lord and there is nothing that stands apart from it that is not under his dominion.

The relationship between the Father and Son is intimate and dynamic. Jesus beckons the disciples into this relationship with the invitation "come to me." The term "yoke" that follows would have conjured up the image of Mosaic Law. Of course, a yoke is a type of wooden harness, bar, or frame used to keep oxen (or cattle) driving in the same direction, at the urging of a master. Wisdom is sometimes referred to as a yoke (Sirach 51:26), as is the law, but not in a negative way. In the New Testament (not only in Matthew but elsewhere), Jesus' ways are also referred to as a yoke.

Jesus tells his disciples that he himself is the yoke, meek and humble of heart. The rest he promises comes from emulating his ways, his attitudes, his dispositions, and his general way of being in the world. The disciple is yoked to Jesus, and the disciple finds this to be a lightness in his or her way of being. As followers of Jesus, we imbibe his attitudes and our lives will not be burdened but filled with joy or, as Pope Francis might refer to it, the joy of the gospel.

Closing Prayer

Lord God Almighty, your Son acts as a helpmate for us, and even used the image of yoke to express that. May we find the yoke of your Son to be light as he promised. With his guidance and assistance may we always follow the right path, leading to your will. By so doing, we will be filled with the Spirit of joy. In the triune God we pray: Amen.

For Reflection:

• How have you experienced the "yoke" of Jesus to be "easy" and his burden light? In other words, how do you experience the "joy of the gospel"?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Readings for the week:

14th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	15th Sunday in Ord. Time
Zech 9:9-10	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Hos 11:1-4, 8a-9	Hos 14:2-10	Isa 6:1-8	Isa 55:10-11
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14	Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Ps 115:1-4, 5-6, 7a-b, 8, 9-10	Ps 105:2-3, 13, 14 and 17	Ps 80:2a-c and 3b, 15-16	Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17	Ps 98:1a-b, 1c-d, 5	Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Rom 8:9, 11-13	Rom 8:9, 11-13	Matt 9:32-38	Matt 10:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Matt 10:7-15	Matt 10:35-23	Matt 10:24-33	Rom 8:18-23
Matt 11:25-30	Matt 9:18-26		Matt 10:1-7				Matt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9