



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

As we gather this weekend for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, this Sunday is also the 4th of July when we mark the birth of our country. We join together in our thanksgiving for the many blessings our country has enjoyed since 1776. As we turn to God in our Eucharist, we express our awareness of the continued need we have of God's guidance in our current time. As we celebrate the gifts of freedom and independence, let us be mindful the work we must do to ensure the dignity of every person and the protection of all life.

With July 4th occurring on a Sunday this year giving the Catholic community the opportunity to celebrate the day at the regular Sunday liturgy, **the weekday July 5th Monday morning Mass is scheduled at its usual time in the pastoral region, 8:30 a.m., at Assumption Church.**

Summer Split the Pot Prize Drawing

Please remember to join us next Sunday, July 11, for the drawing of the winning ticket for the 2021 Assumption Summer Split the Pot. It is planned to take place around Noon following the Sunday liturgy. A **Kona Ice** truck is scheduled to be present on parish property for the sale of Kona Ice cups. Plan to join us for this fun event and to celebrate the opportunity we have to once again gather as a community.

Mission Cooperative Plan 2021

As part of the 2021 Mission Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese our pastoral region will welcome this year a speaker from the Lay Mission Helpers Association, Mr. Damien Kabot. An insert on the Lay Mission Helpers is included in today's bulletin. A brief video on this missionary effort can be viewed at our parish webpage. A second collection will be taken at the July 11 Sunday Masses for the pastoral region in support of this mission appeal.

New Confession Schedule for Pastoral Region

Beginning this Saturday, July 3, the new schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes effect. The time continues in light of the present beginning time for the first Sunday vigil Mass on Saturday afternoon. The site locations reflect the opportunity to provide a schedule at each church on the indicated Saturday.

The scheduled time will be **from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

The church location is as follows:

at **St. Margaret Mary Church**

on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month

at **Assumption Church**

on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Please know that a person wishing to go to confession can always request to schedule an appointment for other times.

Collections

June 27th \$ 5,204.00
Peter's Pence.....\$ 1,168.00

5200 Club

Week # 41 Winner: Peggy Stiens
Seller: Same
Ticket: 1729

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.
The office will re-open on Tuesday, July 6th.



Mass/Services for Pastoral Region Assumption/St. Margaret Mary with Mass Intentions at Assumption

Monday	July 5
8:30 A.M.	Assumption Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	July 6
8:30 A.M.	Joseph Steiber, Jr.
Wednesday	July 7
8:30 A.M.	No Service
Thursday	July 8
8:30 A.M.	at St. Margaret Mary Church
Friday	July 9
8:30 A.M.	at St. Margaret Mary Church
Saturday	July 10
3:00 P.M.	Joann Rottinghaus
4:30 P.M.	at St. Margaret Mary Church
Sunday	July 11
9:00 A.M.	Lynn Hessler
10:00 A.M.	at St. Margaret Mary Church
11:00 A.M.	For the Parish

Faith Formation

Ezekiel 2:2-5

God speaks to Ezekiel

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul's weakness

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus at Nazareth

(Paul said) *"Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'"*
(2 Cor. 12:9)

ADULTS: What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?

YOUTH: What have you wished would be different or better about you?



"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end".

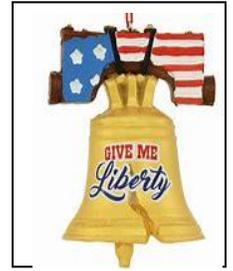
Reflect on and discuss this section of the Nicene Creed using these questions:

- + Why is this largest portion of the Creed focused on **Jesus**?
- + What's the difference between being **begotten** and being **made**?
- + Believing that the Son of God came for our **salvation** and took on human **flesh**, how should we think about him, talk to him, be present to Him?
- + Jesus **suffered** and died to save us. How should we react when we encounter pain or **suffering**?
- + If Jesus rose from the dead to be with his Father, how should we think about our **death**?
- + How should the reality of our own final **judgment** influence how we live our lives?

Although today is not a religious holiday, for many Americans July 4 is a time to recall God's goodness to us as a nation.

Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia are these words from the Bible: *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."*

[Psalm 33:12]



Our independence came after several difficult years of war. Our first years as a nation were not free from problems and controversies, as is still true. But our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic system of government, The Declaration of Independence, along with our Constitution and Bill of Rights, became the foundation for this. They have stood the test of time, and on July 4 we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders.



One more week to go! Have you turned in your tickets? Join us following the 11:00 A.M. mass on Sunday, July 11th in the church parking lot when the winner will be announced. Kona Ice will also be there, serving up cool summer treats to purchase!

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