

Thirteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

Whoever gives only a cup
of cold water to one of
these little ones
to drink because the
little one is a disciple —
amen, I say to you,
he will surely not
lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42



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St. Bridget Catholic Church

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman
(2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead
(Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded
(Matthew 10:37-42).

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30 & 10:30 am

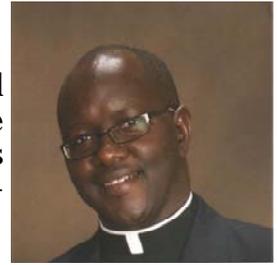
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:50 pm

Sunday 7:30– 8:25 am & 10:00-10:25 am

All who attend Mass must wear face masks, use sanitizer on entering the Church and practice social distancing.

My Dear people of God,

Today we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Every Sunday and indeed every day is gift from the Lord and as such it is cause to celebrate. As we celebrate the Lord's goodness this Sunday, I would like to reflect on two themes that emerged from our readings this Sunday. The two themes are; the cost of discipleship and kindness/generosity to messengers of God.



One of the greatest lessons I learnt from my father (*God rest his soul in peace*) is that; '***in life nothing good comes easy***'. In the course of my life, I have found that to be very true. Great things and achievements in life come from sacrifices. Good things come at a cost. When we look at sacrifice we soon realize that there is a rather harsh ring to it: talk about discipline, renunciation, hardships and pain! A very good example is the football players, they get some good money. Sometimes I feel it's too much. However, when you look at what they go through just in terms of training leave alone the game itself you soon realize that, the big bucks they get does not come easy!

My dear brothers and sisters, the glory of heaven is the ultimate goodness in life. Our faith tells us that there is nothing better than heaven. If that is true and if nothing good comes easy, then attaining heaven has a cost to it. Jesus came to prepare us for the kingdom of heaven. In the gospel reading today, He tells us that we should not let anything or anyone (not even our family or even our own lives) to become more important than He is. That is the cost of discipleship. St Paul writing to the Romans puts it this way; 'I consider that the sufferings in this world, are nothing compared to the glory of heaven' (Rom. 8:18). This witness of martyrs in the life of the Church is a testament to this. This past week, we celebrated the martyrdom of Sts. John Fisher (Bishop) and Thomas More.

The second theme in our readings today is that of kindness and generosity to the messengers of God. Both the first reading and gospel highlight the greatness found hospitality shown to the envoys of God, those who are bearers of God's word. This hospitality in fact should not be restricted only to the servants of God. The Bible instructs us to be hospitable to strangers as to the Lord.

In the first reading, we have an account of the hospitality extended to the prophet Elisha. The prophet often travelled to Mt Carmel to pray and encounter God. A woman and her husband who lived in a nearby town, offered him hospitality on his journeys. In turn, the prophet blessed them beyond the hospitality they had extended to him. They were blessed with a child, a son! This story or this account reminds us that if one is kind to a messenger of God, God will not let us outdo Him in generosity.

In the gospel reading, we hear the same message from Jesus: ***Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward... whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.***

My dear brothers and sisters, with all that is going on in our country today, the word of God is speaking directly to us. How we treat strangers, foreigners, those who are different from us manifests what kind of disciples we are. The letter to the Hebrews instructs us, "**not to neglect hospitality, because you may unknowingly be entertaining angels**" (Hebrews 13:2). And remember, Jesus said: "**Whatever you did for the least of the brethren, you did to me**" Mathew 25:40-45.

As we continue on our journey of faith in the midst of all the challenges we face daily and as we celebrate this 13th Sunday, let us be reminded of the glory of heaven and that it is worth every sacrifice! Let us also remember that all of us, human beings whatever race, nationality or social status are created in the image and likeness of God. We should therefore care for all, especially those who are vulnerable- the strangers, the sick, the unborn. This may cost us, but it is worth every price and pain.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr Simon Peter

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

A true story is told of about a preacher who was standing at the door shaking hands as the congregation departed. He grabbed one man by the hand and pulled him aside.

The preacher said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

The man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Preacher."

The preacher questioned, "How come I don't see you except for Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

APPLY: The Secret Service? ...I don't think so.

Several years ago, there was an exchange of ideas on BibleMaster.com. In the course of these exchange, there was a young man who'd just been called up to go to Iraq, because our nation had declared war on Saddam Hussein. The problem for this young man was – he didn't want to go. He explained that he hadn't joined the army to go to war...he'd joined because of the benefits: the pay, the college tuition, the insurance, etc.

Now, something's wrong with that kind of thinking!! One of the primary functions of the military is to prepare for war. You've got to know that if you sign up! I'm sure its somewhere in the job description.

Armies do NOT exist to pass out benefits (those are perks).

Armies exists to deal with conflicts.

To defend their people.

To fight the enemy.

And hopefully to contend against evil.

But there are people who actually join up hoping for a free ride.

And that kind of mentality undermines the military of any nation.

That same kind of mentality can also undermine the church.

Too often believers sign up for the benefits. Some seek the Sacrament of Confirmation only in order to be Godparents!

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life [\[a\]](#) will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. Mt 16:24-25

Be not anxious! Earthly possessions dazzle our eyes and delude us into thinking that they can provide security and freedom from anxiety. Yet all the time they are the very source of all anxiety.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.
Ghandi



**The Sanctuary Light memory of:
June 21-27**

Gail Sonier by Donna Waguespack & fly
C J Duet by Ellen Duet and family

June 28-July 4
Rudy Thibodaux by family

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

Mass Intentions

WA=Wedding Anniv.

June 27 4:00 pm

Rudy Thibodaux (B) by family
Gail Sonier (DA) by Donna Waguespack & fly
Fernand Cavalier (B) by Charles & Anita
Cavalier and family

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight

June 28 8:30 am

Rudy Boudreaux (B) by Earline and family
June 28 10:30 am Parishioners of St.
Bridget

July 4 4:00 pm

Katie Ann Boudreaux b Craig & Aline Boudreaux
Kirvey Gagneaux (DA) by Seal and Knight fami-
lies

July 5 8:30 am

Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family

July 5 10:30 am

Parishioners of St. Bridget

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**Catholic Social Teaching:
Rights and Responsibilities**

“Beginning our discussion of the rights of the human person, we see that everyone has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and finally the necessary social services. Therefore, a human being also has the right to security in cases of sickness, inability to work, widowhood, old age, unemployment, or in any other case in which one is deprived of the means of subsistence through no fault of one’s own.”
— Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, #11

The scriptures today celebrate the blessings which come to those who show hospitality and share food and resources with others. In a world which produces enough food for everyone, one in seven people suffer from food insecurity. Clearly, some new level of hospitality is called for on a global level.

In a certain sense the scriptures remind us of the need to have a perspective that is bigger than ourselves and our family and our own group or tribe. To use the imagery of the second reading from the letter of the Romans, we are baptized into something bigger than ourselves and our family and our friends. In the village of Shunem, the childless woman thinks of the prophet Elisha and makes sure that he has a room to stay in. She thinks beyond herself and her own need. She is rewarded with a son in the next year. Something happens when we look at the needs of someone other than ourselves. In the words of the second reading, something happens when we are “living for God in Christ Jesus.” Something happens when we share the “cup of cold water.”

In the image of the gospel, something happens when we begin to focus on something more than our family or our small part of the world. In this way of thinking and acting, in sharing in the way of Christ, the way of the cross even, we are transformed and world is transformed.

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*Ref: Education for Justice, a project of Center of Concern
Education for*

**God is good ...
&
All the time ...**

God's Word for Children

A woman from Shunem gave Elisha a place to eat and sleep when he was in town. She told her husband to set aside a room on the roof for this friend. That way he could stay with them any time. The woman wanted to put four things in the room. Circle them on the left. Later Elisha promised that in a year she would have something. Circle that on the right. (You can read the story in your Bible in 2 Kings 4:8-17.)

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When we do kind and good things for others we are pleasing Jesus. We need to welcome and help everyone as if they were Jesus himself. The scrambled words below are deeds we can do for others. Look at the picture clues for help.

ohsp ----- 	lacne -----
drae ----- 	sihdse -----

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WHOEVER GIVES ONLY A CUP OF COLD WATER

TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES TO DRINK



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BECAUSE THE LITTLE ONE IS A DISCIPLE ~

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—Matthew 10:42

Prayer Line

If you or someone needs to be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Judith Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Rosemary Besson, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Pat Billiot, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Cody Bourgeois, Emile "Jay" Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Troy & Joan Bourgeois, Wade Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Beau Brassette, Dustin Brassette, Mark Brassette, Emma Del Broussard, Richard Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Jay & Tiffany Conner, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Bryan Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Elaine Chauvin Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Olivieri, Robert Oncale, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Alice Resweber, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Deacon Ryan Stawaizz, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Toups, Joyce Toups, Ricky Turner, Suzanne Usey, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Anna Wooten.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

—Abraham Lincoln

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Patroness of the Americas

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding and practice that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

(As you follow the Mass on facebook, this is the prayer to pray at the time for Holy Communion)

I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen *By St Alphonsus Liguori*

BAPTISM

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar.

Those seeking to baptize a child must complete a registration form. Forms can be found on line or at the Church office.

Qualifications for sponsors of a baptism.*

Must be confirmed * Must be a practicing Catholic * Must be at least 16 years old * If married, it must be a Catholic marriage.



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CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



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Please Pray for the repose of all souls, especially the Soul of

Lawrence Paul Babin

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. **Amen.**