

**Mass Intention**  
**3 July - 11 July 2021**

- 3 July 2021 - First Saturday - St. Thomas, Apostle**  
8.30 am:  
4.30 pm:
- 4 July 2021 - SUNDAY - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.30 am: +Jim Henke *by Ed Sykes*  
11.00 am: Praying for the nations and leaders
- 5 July 2021 - Monday - Weekday**  
8.30 am:
- 6 July 2021 - Tuesday - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**  
8.30 am:
- 7 July 2021 - Wednesday - Weekday**  
8.30 am: No Mass
- 8 July 2021 - Thursday - Weekday**  
8.30 am:
- 9 July 2021 - Friday - Weekday**  
8.30 am:
- 10 July 2021 - Saturday - Weekday**  
11.00 am: **Memorial Mass for Vincent Annunziata**  
4.30 pm: +Anthony & Yolanda Casola *by Tom & Roseann Bernardone*
- 11 July 2021 - SUNDAY - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.30 am: +Mickey Roche *by Ed Sykes*  
11.00 am:

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Vincent McCarthy, Billy Smith, Skip Mudge and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



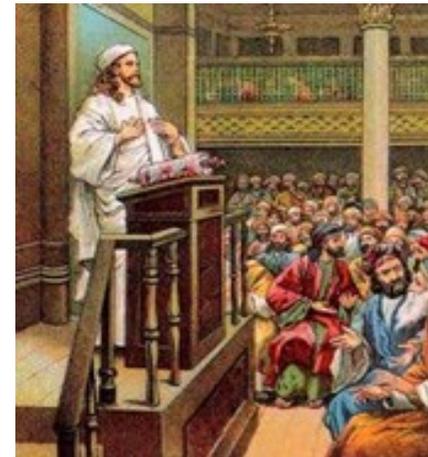
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## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The Spirit  
of the  
Lord  
is upon  
Me**



**For he  
sent  
Me  
to bring  
glad  
tidings**

### Regular Mass

Weekdays (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday): 8.30 am—Holy Cross Church  
Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church  
Sunday: 8.30 am —St. Patrick's Church  
11.00 am —Holy Cross Church  
Weekdays: 8 am—Holy Adoration

**"May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service,  
be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and  
slavery." - Pope Francis**



## Independence Day

“It will be celebrated...  
With pomp and parade...  
Bonfires and illuminations  
From one end of this continent to the  
other.” – John Adams.



**"The American flag represents all of us  
and all the values we hold sacred."**

**— Adrian Cronauer**

### Freedom attracts

When you are interiorly free you call others to freedom, whether you know it or not. Freedom attracts wherever it appear. A free man or a free woman creates a space where others feel safe and want to dwell. Our world is so full of conditions, demands, requirements, and obligations that we often wonder what is expected of us. But when we meet a truly free person, there are no expectations, only an invitation to reach into ourselves and discover there our own freedom.

**Where true inner freedom is, there is God. And where  
God is, there we want to be.**



## LITURGY OF WORD

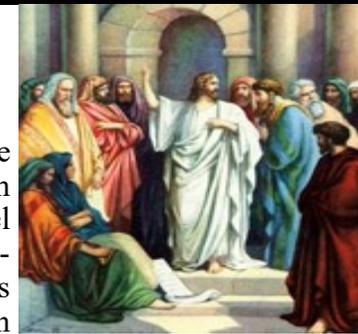
First Reading: **Ezekiel 2:2 – 5**

Second Reading: **2 Cor. 12:7-10**

Gospel Reading: **Mk 6:1– 6**

The first reading, taken from the book of the prophet Ezekiel, tells us about his call from God to be a prophet. Yahweh warns Ezekiel that he is being sent to obstinate and rebellious Israelites in exile in Babylon. Hence, as God's prophet, he will have to face rejection and persecution for giving God's message.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us the same warning from his own experience, that not only prophets, but apostles and missionaries will encounter hardships and rejection in their preaching mission. Paul confesses that God has given him a share in Christ's suffering. So that he might rely solely on God's grace in all his work and might glory in the power of the strengthening God Who alone sustains him.



Today's Gospel passage, Mark 6:1-6, tells us that his first reaction of the people in the synagogue to Jesus' words was one of astonishment. But in spite of their amazement, many people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not accept him as a prophet because they "knew" Jesus and the family. They also "knew" that this "son of the carpenter" could not be the promised Messiah who would come from Bethlehem as a descendant of David's royal family. They knew him only as a carpenter from a poor family, with no formal training in Mosaic Law. Jesus' neighbors did not expect this "carpenter's son," to be skilled in interpreting the Scriptures. They also could not understand how a mere carpenter could be their political Messiah who would liberate them from Roman rule and re-establish the Davidic kingdom of power and glory. Besides, they were angry when Jesus not only did not work any miracles in Nazareth but chided them with prophetic courage for their lack of Faith, then left them, to proclaim God's message, through a preaching, healing ministry to those who would receive it and believe.

**With Prayers & Blessings of God the  
Father**

**Fr. John Kennady MMI  
Dn. John Lytle  
4 July 2021**