

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Galatians 6:14

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

Mass Intentions



Sat., July 06, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Gloria Guyton, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Kaitlyn Blanke (L), Lorie and Rick Grimes (L), Debbie Doll (L)

Sun., July 07, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., July 07, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., July 07, 11:00 a.m. Bob Pecunia, Joseph Legnon, Bruno Touchard, Gary Treuil, Fr. Michael Fraser, Barbara Castelluccio (L), Ken Boroughs (L), Mary Anne Treuil (L)

Mon., July 08, 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tues., July 09 NO MASS

Wed., July 10, 8:00 a.m. Ruth Christie

Thurs., July 11, 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Fri., July 12, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Sat., July 13, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Larry Kass, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Mary Favre, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer (L)

Sun., July 14, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Alvin Satches, David Tucker, David Addotto, Gloria Fabre, Ruth Christie, Larry Mahoney, Jon Craig (L), Dennis Ackerson (L), Pamela Groomer (L), Natalie Wong (L), Julia Kass (L), Louise Cashmere (L), Judge Salvadore Mule' (L), Susan Lester (L), Ann Marie and David Skansi (L)

Sun., July 14, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., July 14, 11:00 a.m. Ken Boroughs (L)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Thursday: St. Benedict

Saturday: St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Scott St. Romain	Michael Estrada
Earline Mauthe	Jessica Landry
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Ken Boroughs	Florence Hoffman
Sylvia Callahan	Rolland Golden
Billy Cahill	Audrey Maracich

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families. In order to keep the Prayer List up to date, please call the office to add or delete from the list. We will update the names monthly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,705.00
Loose	\$ 1,134.00
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 120.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Ronnie Ducombs
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Alexander Bradford
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Jon Craig (L) & Jon Holmes (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Ruth Christie

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are for

Frank and Effie Boroughs

St John's Vacation Bible School "Light it Up!" was a HUGE success this year thanks to all of you who kept us in your prayers, as well as those who donated time, items and monetary gifts. We shared the love of Christ and the beauty of our Catholic Saints and the Mass with over THIRTY campers! This was our largest group in several years. We could not have done it without your support and prayers. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
~ Amanda Fraise & Susan Hemelt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

REDEMPTORISTS MINISTRIES

Redemptorist can be found ministering all over the world and close to home. From Americas poorest zip codes to the furthest reaches of the globe. We go where others do not go. We deliver the Gospel where it's needed most, everywhere. In addition, to serving people, we also learn from the people we serve. We learn how to be better people, how to keep faith in tough times, and how the Holy Spirit can guide us through suffering. Together, we experience the love of Jesus Christ. Here is where you'll learn more about the Redemptorist ministries and how you can help. We invite you to get involved. Learn with us. Help us bring the Gospel to the places it is needed most. Welcome Fr. Don

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father Thomas A. Wantland from Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America..

Pivotal players – St. Benedict:

Continues on Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library, where we will study St. Benedict, who cast a greater light in a world darkened by the fading light of classical culture. His insistence that the Gospel should be embodied in communities of friendship and peace, guided by the sacrifices of poverty, chastity, and obedience, became a cultural matrix and unleashed a vigorous spiritual dynamism from which a new civilization would emerge.

GOD'S SHADOW: Love is God's shadow in our universe.

DID YOU KNOW! St. John's has a cry room to the right of the Altar. You can enter from the door on the back of Church.

My apologies on the mistake in the July calendar! Adoration will continue every Wednesday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM STUDY PROGRAM BY TIM GRAY AND SCOTT POWELL

Called to freedom study program looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that, more than seeking to free his people from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free his people from the far more dangerous grip of sin. In this 10-session study, Presenter, Tim Gray explains how the Exodus story is not just Israel's story, but our story as well because it reveals who God is and what he calls us to be. Study program is scheduled to begin in Jonathan Hall Library from 9:00 a.m. – noon on August 22nd/23rd through October 24th/25th. The same material is both days. Registration deadline is noon on Monday, August 5th. The cost of the participation book is \$28.00.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Summer is a Beautiful Season: it is a Time to Nourish New Growth in Your Marriage. It is a time to rejoice in the gift of your marriage. It is a time to rekindle the passion and revive the communication between you and your spouse. You both deserve to enjoy a weekend just for the two of you. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is filled with fresh ideas and new beginnings. The next weekend in Louisiana is July 19-21, 2019 at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge, LA. You can register online at www.LAMS-wwme.org or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at (813) 548-1655.

REMINDERS!

Knights of Columbus meetings are the second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Catch Fire Youth Group will meet July 14th

Men's group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Library every Thursday except second Thursday.