



Lifelong Faith Formation

Summer blessings!

In today's Gospel Jesus invites us to come to Him with our burdens to find rest in Him.

We have all been carrying burdens from the effects of the pandemic and our current events. We can try to carry it all ourselves leaving God out of it, or it can overwhelm us especially as we live with uncertainty and fear. We may sometimes feel like we are drowning in despair and lack of hope. In this Scripture, Jesus offers us a life saver.

*"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." Matthew 11:28-30

Simply put, a yoke is a board with two arches that is placed over two cattle so they can pull a cart. The value of a yoke is that it shares the load so that one does not have to pull that entire load by itself. When you "yoke up" the load is not as heavy. Notice there may still be a yoke and burden to carry, although it is light (or even lighter) because we carry it in Him and with Him. When we "yoke" with Jesus, we move together with Him, in the same (right) direction, at the same (right) speed. Respond to Jesus' invitation to walk with you, to "yoke" with you. We can't control many circumstances in our life, but we can choose how we will respond to it. Reach out to Jesus and see the difference only He can make. Let us grow in a deeper relationship with Him that will re-invigorate us to share his love and peace with others.

The Faith Formation Office is in the process of planning First Eucharist and Confirmations safely. We are getting guidelines from the Archdiocese to follow. As soon as we have dates and more information, we will make them available via email to the affected families and on the website to all. The Office is also working on registrations for the Fall. We are working at doing this safely. Registrations will be available soon. See our Faith Formation website for more information, AnnunciationFaithFormation.org. Through this website, we have high quality digital faith formation content and activities for all ages that can equip you to grow in your faith in the context of your daily lives—anytime and anywhere—through your connection to our website on your mobile devices.

Will you accept Jesus' invitation us to take your hand and "yoke" with you?



Collection for Archdiocesan Retired Priests

Our second collection next weekend will help support the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Newark. These priests have given their lives faithfully to serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be there for them now to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service.



Readings for the Week



Saturday, July 4

5:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Sunday, July 5: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Ronald Linberg** req. Bill Joyce

10:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

12:00 p.m. **Roberto Delgado** req. Jim Carlo

Monday, July 6: Saint Maria Goretti

7:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 a.m. **Pat Carlin** req. Rose & Gordon DeHaven

Thursday, July 9: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

7:30 a.m. **Anthony Campanella** req. the Windt family

Friday, July 10

7:30 a.m. **Mary Kelly** req. Aida & Rich Aronson

Saturday, July 11: Saint Benedict

9:00 a.m. **Antonio & Gaudencia Bussanic** req. Nick & Mary Morin

5:00 p.m. **Pat Carlin** req. the Social Concerns Committee

Sunday, July 12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Anita Riccoboni** req. the Ray family

10:30 a.m. **Vincent Neshan, Jr.** req. his parents

12:00 p.m. **Agnes & Bill Caner** req. the Trigani family

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9



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... for those in need of healing...

Luigi Vene, Margaret and Quinn McVeigh,
Walter Wyssenski

... for those who have entered new life...

all victims of the COVID 19 pandemic

... for those serving during the coronavirus...

our first responders, medical & healthcare professionals,
mail carriers and delivery services, grocery store workers,
& all other essential workers.



Reporting of Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious, and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256

Guide to Daily Prayer this Week

The Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time begins with a Sunday that offers pastoral comfort to us all. In the Zechariah reading, the Lord promises Israel, and us, a savior who "shall proclaim peace to the nations." Matthew's gospel points to Jesus as the source of that peace, as he affirms his identity as the Son of God. Jesus offers himself as a relief from the burdens of our days, promising "you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Saturday we celebrate the memorial of Saint Benedict.

The first readings this week are from the Book of the Prophet Hosea. Hosea was a powerful prophet to the northern kingdom, tender in expressing God's relationship to Israel in terms he knew. His "wife" was unfaithful to him, yet he still loved her. On Saturday, we begin reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning with the call of Isaiah.

This week Matthew's Gospel shows us how Jesus calls his Apostles and how he sent them out on mission. Jesus heals an official's daughter, and along the way he heals the woman suffering hemorrhages. When he heals a mute man, the Pharisees accuse him of using evil powers to do this. Jesus continues to heal. He tells his disciples to pray for even more disciples. Jesus selects twelve special disciples, his Apostles (those who are sent), and gives them the power to heal and to proclaim, "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand." They are sent to "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons." And they are not to charge for their ministry. They are to be discerning: "Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves." He tells them that they will be persecuted, "but whoever endures to the end will be saved." Jesus tells them to not be afraid for God will protect them.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is about God's fidelity. The promise of Isaiah 55 and Parable of the Sower from Matthew's Gospel remind us that no matter what obstacles we face as his disciples, as sowers of the Good News, God will work effectively through us. "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold."

Last week as we reflected about images of Jesus beginning his ministry, we simply let ourselves grow in admiration and attraction to him. This week we take the next step by watching him call and send his Apostles. As we go through each day this week, in the background of our consciousness, we can make an ongoing reflection on our call and mission.

We might pray each morning, for just 30 seconds or so -- when we first stand up beside our bed or when we are in the shower or while dressing -- "*Dear Lord, I sometimes forget that I am called by you to be your disciple. I forget that you call me each day to live the mission you give me. Help me be more aware of your call and more faithful in living it today.*"

We might begin the day talking to our Lord, with our own words: "*Lord, I have some challenges to face today. Help me enter those challenges with faith and trust in you. Calm my fears, heal my resistance to placing my trust in you. Then, let me bring your healing to the conflicts and wounds I encounter today.*"

We might focus on what Jesus said about sending us like sheep among wolves. "Lord, there are so many ways that I have just become a part of the values of the world around me. Give me the freedom to hear your call today and to live it counter-culturally. I want to live more simply and to try to hear the cry of the poor. With your grace, I desire to be freer from the attachments that blind me, so that I might be guided by your Spirit in dismantling unjust social structures. Today, Lord, I place my trust in you."

In these simple prayers we find ourselves having a new focus each day. While continuing to be busy and doing what we are committed to doing, our days are transformed. In brief conversations with Jesus, our hearts and desires become more closely aligned with his. Practicing this kind of prayer is very fulfilling and soon becomes a habit. We become more reflective as we grow in intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily lives.

As we review our day each evening before going to bed, we recognize God's presence with us that day. Expressing our gratitude each night claims the graces we have received and helps us trust God's presence with us more and more.

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Annunciation's Parish Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants on the second and fourth weekends of each month, except during the Lenten season. The celebration may take place during the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, or at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Parents are invited to contact Judy Fanelli, even before your baby is born, so that participation in our preparation program can be arranged and the baptism planned.

RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Personal appointments for other times are available and can be made by contacting Father Jim.

During the Lenten Season, a communal Celebration of Reconciliation is offered in conjunction with Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

VOCATIONS

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? As you discern God's calling, explore www.rcan.org/vocation.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

At times, physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease prevents our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with the community of faith is needed more than ever before. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and/or the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in your home or hospital room. Please call the Parish Center if you wish to be visited.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish, please submit a completed parish census form. Blank forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website. Families already registered with the parish are encouraged to keep current their membership information.

INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process of formation and initiation for those (age seven and older) who have never been baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Formation and initiation opportunities also exist for adults baptized into the Roman Catholic Church as infants, but who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Christians baptized in Eastern Orthodox Churches or in communions other than Roman Catholic who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion may also participate in the RCIA formation process.

For more information, please contact Father Jim.

VISITATION ACADEMY

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Visitation Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Located in Paramus and supported by the Catholic parishes of Paramus and Rochelle Park, Visitation Academy offers classes for Grades pre-K3 through eight. For more information, please visit www.visitationacademyparamus.org or call 201-262-6067.

INTENTION REQUESTS

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday, or other significant milestone for the living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship: the sanctuary lamps which burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament in the church and Holy Family Chapel, the altar candles which remain lit during each liturgical celebration, the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the Advent wreath candles, and the Paschal candle. Masses may also be offered for a special intention.

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin. To request an intention, please visit the Parish Center.