



# ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 29, 2018 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## dear Padre

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**What is the "gospel of prosperity?" I heard a televangelist say it's the Lord's will that all people have cars in the driveway and money in the bank.**

If there is a "gospel of prosperity," Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn't write it, and it isn't about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called "Gospels of poverty." Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he could have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable and not well-to-do parents.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke deals with it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned because he was of, and dealt with, people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although "nothing will be impossible with God" (1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle (18:25). It's easier for that to happen than for a rich person to enter the kingdom. Scary words.

Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It's what wealth does to people—why they accumulate it. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God, growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded.

It sounds like the televangelist may have written the so-called "gospel of prosperity" himself, perhaps justifying his own gains. I hope not, because getting rich off the message of Christ is also contrary to the gospel.  
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# Masses for the Week

**July 30th - August 5th**

Mon	8:00 am	Special Intention (PO)
Tues	1:00 pm	Louise Kennedy (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Coleman & Ethel Hinton (DH)
Thurs	9:30 am	Thomas Wheatley (Medco)
Fri	<b>9:00 am</b>	Marjorie & Charles Mattingly (MM)
Sat	8:00 am	Joann Bruington
	5:00 pm	Timmy Stevenson (SA)
Sun	7:00 am	J.W. & Lorena Bland
	10:00 am	Paul & Viola Mattingly (KH)

# Stewardship of Finance

## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,960.00
Children.....	\$0.00
Building Fund.....	\$30.00
Loose Change for the Poor.....	\$36.80

## Parish Financial Summary

July, 2017-June, 2018

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$551,600</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$515,600</b>
	<b>\$ 36,000</b>

**Thank you for your financial stewardship!**

# Worship and Sacrament

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

**Baptism:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

**RCIA:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

**Membership in the Parish:** Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

# Ministers of the Liturgy - August 4th & 5th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Mitzi Mattingly Jerry Jarboe	Stefan Cesarz Dayle Riley	C-Eric Barr* C-Evan Barr S-Jamie Barr S-Harry Mattingly	Benjamin Barr Emily Claycomb	Dayle Riley	Pippa
7:00 am	Janet Bland Tobias Curran	Patty Curran	C-Leo Wheatley* C-Michael Whitfill S-Mike Whitfill S-Tom Winchell	Joseph Curran Tabby Woods	Raymond Wethington	Pippa
10:00 am	Rhonda Walz Tabetha Walz Sharon Hale Mona Hinton	Rosa Hockenberry Carlos Matthews	C-Joey Walz* C-Drew Hinton S-Mike Hinton S-Tyler Hinton	Luke Walz Logan Walz	Pat Whitfill	Volunteer
Radio Minister: Chuck Robbins		Children's Liturgy: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY				

# Parish News and Events



## SPREAD THE WORD:

+ Did you know that 80% of all adults coming into the Catholic Church do so because of a personal invitation from a friend,

neighbor, or relative?

- + Did you know that many who considered becoming Catholic say that no one ever asked them to become a member of the Church?
- + This is an invitation to all our parishioners to invite family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- + Sessions will begin in September.
- + At your request we will mail someone an invitation. We would welcome an opportunity to chat with anyone interested in RCIA during the summer months before sessions begin.
- + For more information contact Fr. Tony, Marie Rose or Deacon Tony or call the office at 756-2356.

**You may also drop this form in the collection basket or bring by the parish office:**

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**City/Zip:**

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**Phone #:**

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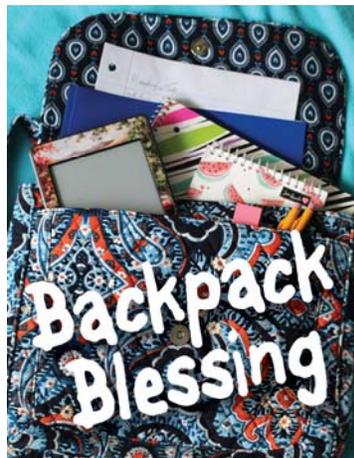
\_\_\_ I am interested in learning more about the Catholic Church/faith.

\_\_\_ I am interested in joining the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_ I wish you would send an invitation to the above person to come to RCIA.

My name and phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Backpack Sunday:

School is right around the corner. On the weekend of August 4th & 5th we ask that all school children bring their backpacks to church to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year. Each student will receive a little gift.

## Don't forget August 4th & 5th please bring your backpacks to church!

## Eucharistic First Friday 24-hour Adoration:



Following the 9:00 am Mass on August 3rd we begin the 24 hour adoration until Saturday morning mass at 8:00 am. We are blessed with dedicated adorers for each hour, but can use extra people for some hours. Please call Minnie Nimmo 270-617-0297 or Patsy Whitfill 270-617-2557 to volunteer spending an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

## Anointing of the Sick-First Wednesdays of Month:

Father Tony will offer the sacrament of the sick, 'Anointing for Healing' during the Wednesday evening mass (5:00pm) July 4th. The Catechism specifies that those who can be anointed include 'anyone in danger of death from sickness or old age' yet also includes anyone 'prior to a serious operation', or 'for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced' (Catechism #1514-1515).



# Around and About

## This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	Mass
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
Wed	4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Mass (Anointing of the Sick)
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Mass
Sat	5:00 pm	Backpack Blessing
		K-12 Religious Education Registration
Sun	7/10 am	Backpack Blessing
		K-12 Religious Education Registration
	6:00 pm	Women's Jail Ministry
Upcoming		
Aug 9	5:00 pm	St. Romuald Altar Society Meeting

**Pray to end abortion:** Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

**Abortion Update:** Last week 63 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

The Catholic Church teaches that sexual abuse is a grave moral evil. In addition to reporting incidents of sexual abuse to civil authorities, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator to report any instance of sexual abuse by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. Please use the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380.

A full explanation of the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns are in the revised sexual abuse policy, which can be found in the back of church, parish office, religious education classrooms, or school office and also on the diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

**Dishes:** Several dishes have been left in the parish hall from funeral meals. Please pick up dishes as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Picnic Signs:** Everyone who picked up a blue St. Romuald Picnic, please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Chair Yoga:** Come join us for "Chair Yoga" on Fridays at 10:00 am in the parish Hall. A great way to get healthy and have fun at the same time! Instructor: Becky Ruskowski. For more info call Dorothy Payne at 270-257-1004.

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 17, 2018, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual 2018 Rural Life Celebration

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm

Owensboro Convention Center

Come enjoy a celebration of rural life in the air-conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Convention Center at West 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Locust St. A free meal will be served starting at 5:00 pm with a short program. Come help us honor the contributions to our community of Jerry & Vicky Morris with the first "Be Like Rick" Award, Sylvester Fischer with the Lifetime Achievement Award and special recognition of the life work of Tom Curtsinger. No RSVP required. Questions: call Richard Murphy at 270-683-1545.

Event sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee

## History of Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Sisters

Aug. 7 The history of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph will be told on Tuesday, Aug. 7. Sister Catherine Marie Lauterwasser, OSU, will talk about that rich history which goes back to the 16th century when Saint Angela Merici started the Company of Saint Ursula. At the request of Father Paul Joseph Volk, five Ursuline Sisters came from Louisville in 1874 to establish a school in western Daviess County. The dinner and presentation is from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The cost is \$20. Preregistration is required by contacting Sister Mary Matthias Ward at 270-229-0200 or [mary.ward@maplemount.org](mailto:mary.ward@maplemount.org) or register online at [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org) or [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org)

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

**Ministry Schedule: We are working on the Ministry Schedule. If you want to participate in one of the ministries at Mass, change the Mass you are presently assigned to or be taken off the list please call the office before August 8th.**

**Good Samaritan Center** is in need of diapers, sizes 4, 5, & 6. You may put them in the tubs at the doors of St. Romuald Church. Thank You!

## THE HOLY LAND

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**DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!**

## Readings for the Week

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Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



### Email Prayer Chain

Would you like to be part of an email prayer chain and pray daily for those in need of prayers due to illness or other

needs? To be a part of this ministry, please send an email to Marie Rose at [rosejm@bbtel.com](mailto:rosejm@bbtel.com) to become a prayer warrior. When others are in need of prayer you will be notified by email to begin praying for them. We (21 warriors) are currently praying for the needs of 66 people, those on our parish prayer list and the family members of the recently deceased, who were on our list. If you have a prayer request, just send an email to Marie at the above address.

### Celebration

#### **ANNIVERSARY:**

P.J. & Martha Rose O'Donoghue, Aug. 3, 50 years

Ray & Roxann Coker, Aug. 9, 25 Years

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We Pray For:

Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Ashley Carwile, Donnie Claycomb, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Ginny Flood, Linda Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, **The Henry Family, Henry Grey**, Austin Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Alfred Jarboe, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, Jimmy Mattingly, Walter Manning, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Kimberly Rolan, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Deborah Sue Stevens, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Raymond Wethington, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe.

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Marjorie Mattingly (Marvin Mattingly's Mother) and to the family of Denis & Irvin Mattingly (Alvin & Larry Mattingly's brothers) Please keep the families in your prayers.

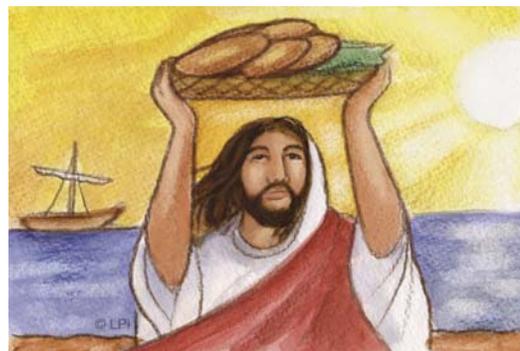
**Family Day at Gasper River:** Sunday, August 19th, the day begins at 12:30 pm (eat before you come!) and concludes at 6 PM (after supper).

Expect a mix of inside and outside activities, so please dress accordingly. Outside fun includes field games, a few adventure activities like the zipline and giant swing, and free time to explore.

The theme of the day is "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist" with reflections by Fr. Mike Williams (for parents) and closing Mass with Bishop Medley.



## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 29, 2018 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles - the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples. First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance. In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.



**Sunday, Jul 29, 2018**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Waste not, want not**

The earth is in danger of becoming our garbage can. It's estimated that U.S. citizens throw out 90 percent of what we buy within the year. A lot of that is packaging, including the double-packaging of cardboard and plastic around many products.

Let's clean up our act! Avoid buying over-packaged items, as well as things you don't really need. Embrace recycling as an act of love for the planet and its people. Find new homes for books, clothing, furniture, kitchen items, and technology.

Shrink your footprint, expand your heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110). "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."*

**Monday, Jul 30, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
Silence is golden**

Chrysologus (380-451), whose name in Greek means "golden worded," kept his homilies short and practical. And he sometimes preached with such great emotion that he became speechless with the implications of what he was saying. In one way, the Christian message revealed in scripture and tradition is a complex product of centuries. Yet it is also simple.

Preachers like Peter Chrysologus recognized the simplicity of the gospel and knew when to stop talking about it, and live it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."*

**Tuesday, Jul 31, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST  
Make a retreat**

Ever make a retreat after a busy time in your life? Did you find it hard to slow down and reflect? Picture Ignatius laid up for more than nine months recovering from a broken leg. He had been a soldier, a brawler, a womanizer, and a gambler.

Suddenly he was immobile, reading, then praying, and then having mystical experiences. Out of this experience came his Spiritual Exercises, still used on retreats and by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) today. Schedule a retreat, or at least a day of prayer, and see what changes God has in store for you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house."*

**Wednesday, Aug 01, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
Walk with me**

Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists, favored being clear and direct; his meditations on the Way of the Cross are a good example. Though his self-deprecating style may not appeal to everyone's tastes today, love for the suffering Christ underlies his words—a love that anyone who has made it through hard times can share with others. If you can say, "I have an idea what you're going through" with the simple honesty that comes from experience, you may be a source of amazing strength to a suffering friend, taking the hard road with him or her, and with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."*

**Thursday, Aug 02, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP  
A fishy lot**

Much like the kingdom of heaven as described in today's gospel, the communion of saints consists of "fish" of every kind—weak and strong, scholarly and pious. Saint Eusebius (d. 370) was a fighter above all else, but his strength was in his words, not his fists. He argued mightily against the Arian heresy (which denied the true divinity of Christ) and suffered exile, persecution, and extreme deprivation in the process. Not all of us are called to be saintly debaters and wordsmiths, but we are called to defend the faith in our own holy ways.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind."*

**Friday, Aug 03, 2018**

**Profitable advice**

It's hard to find a good prophet nowadays. No one wants the job; neither did Isaiah nor Jeremiah. It usually ends with both message and messenger rejected, sometimes violently. As Jesus reminded his opponents: "You killed the prophets!" Jesus, by contrast, embraced his role as prophet, though some of his family and neighbors wondered, "Who does he think he is?" We might not consider ourselves prophets, but the Second Vatican Council makes it clear that the People of God share in Christ's prophetic office, "especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). "Speak to the people; whatever I command you, tell them, and omit nothing."*

**Saturday, Aug 04, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST  
God grows up and shows up**

To the people of the Lord's hometown, Jesus was just a kid who grew up in the neighborhood. Some of them were even offended by his preaching, and their lack of faith prevented them from experiencing his miracles. John Vianney (1786-1859), on the other hand, was from out of town. The people of Ars in France, where he served as a priest for 40 years, accepted him as a holy man, and he was able to perform many miracles there. A lesson might be that God is present in both the familiar and the unfamiliar. We only need to look a little more closely, with eyes of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). "Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison."*

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