

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Readings: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

“Blessed is he who hears the word & understands it & bears fruit.”

MASS SCHEDULE					
Sat	July	11	6:00PM	Judy Green + By The VanFlorcke Family	
Sun	July	12	7:45AM	For The People	
Sun	July	12	9:00AM	Peter Pioli + By Jim & Peggy DeMange	
Tue	July	14	9:00AM ~ Latin ~	Available	
Thur	July	16	9:00AM	Available	
Fri	July	17	12:00 (noon)	Judy Green + By Sherman & MaryJo Runions	
Sat	July	18	6:00PM	Jude Abrams + By Glenn & JoAnn Lee	
Sun	July	19	7:45AM	For The People	
Sun	July	19	9:00AM	Andrew J. Rauner + By The Wannamaker Family	

SAINT JUDE - OFFERTORY

(Weekend of July 4 & 5, 2020)

Offertory: \$6027.00 Attendance: 193

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Massa or the Church Office.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Summer Schedule (June - Oct.) meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Barton, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Marian Michel Boyd, Karen Cameron, Dr. Jay & Jana Carpenter & The Carpenter Family, Tom Carrasquillo, Fr. Hugh Chikawe, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Terese Crawford, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Gloria Delgardio, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Dan Doran, Judi Eisnagle, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Raymond A. Failor, Sandra Fischel, Tom Fischel, Linda Foxworth, Gretchen Giesey, Jerry Goldberg, Mikey Goodwin, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt Green, Bill Hatch, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Amy Hoyle, Jo Hoyle, Katie Hoyle, Daniel Jacobs, Dakota Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Treba Johnson, Donna Kaup, Bill & Jane Keadle, Suzanne Keenan, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Randy Luffman, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Conor McCall, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Sheila Rinker, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Allie Schiele, Elaine Schmid, Noel J. Sickles, Bonnie Jean Small, Ava Snyder, Leonardo Suarez, Rosemarie Thompson, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Millie Watts, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)
 Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office for information at 743-5717.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They have suspended their 6:00pm Wednesday evening meetings at this time. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Spanish Prayer & Rosary

The Spanish Prayer & Rosary meetings on Friday evenings at 7:00pm are suspended at this time. For more information, please contact Alejandro Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Knights of Columbus

Meets at 7:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please contact **Luis Aparicio (Grand Knight)** or the Church Office at 743-5717 for information.

Father's Column

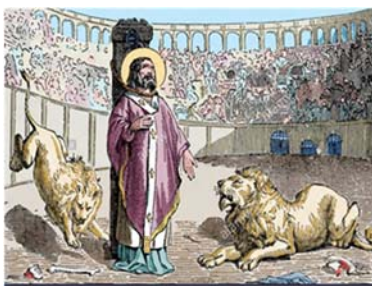
St. Ignatius of Antioch The Eucharist and Self-Offering

Last weekend, my homily included quotations from the early Christians, including St. Ignatius of Antioch, who was a direct disciple of the Apostles themselves. As bishop of Antioch, he was sentenced to death around the year 107A.D., and was brought to Rome for his execution. Along the way, he authored seven letters that survive to us today. With this column, I want you to read for yourselves one of the most moving quotes from this great saint. Many times Ignatius writes about the Eucharist. Here, he prays he can offer himself in sacrifice in union with the Eucharistic sacrifice itself:

“I write to all the Churches, and impress on them all, that I shall willingly die for God, unless ye hinder me. I beseech of you not to show an unseasonable goodwill towards me. Suffer me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of God. Rather entice the wild beasts, that they may become my tomb, and may leave nothing of my body; so that when I have fallen asleep [in death], I may not be found troublesome to any one. Then shall I be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world shall not see so much as my body. Entreat the Lord for me, that by these instruments I may be found a sacrifice to God. I do not, as Peter and Paul, issue commandments unto you. They were apostles of Jesus Christ, but I am the very least [of believers]: they were free, as the servants of God; while I am, even until now, a servant. But when I suffer, I shall be the freedman of Jesus Christ, and shall rise again emancipated in Him. And now, being in bonds for Him, I learn not to desire anything worldly or vain.”

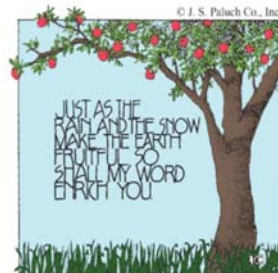
Christ demanded His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. In these words of Ignatius, we can see how literally the early Christians took the Lord's message. May worthy receptions of Holy Communion also give us the grace to allow the sacrifice of Christ to echo in our own bodies & lives.

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Parochial Administrator, St. Jude Catholic Mission and
Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Mission



Today's Readings

First Reading: Because the Israelites were exiled in the pagan land of Babylon, the assuring words that God had previously spoken to them now seemed empty. In today's passage, the prophet Isaiah will use an image from nature to describe how God's word always bears fruit and comes true no matter how unlikely it may seem.... (Isaiah 55:10-11).



Second Reading: Paul's letter to the Romans tells us that sin affected not only human beings but also all creation, and the coming of Christ had a healing effect on both.... *We know all of creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.....but we ourselves who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves, as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies* (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel: Jesus tells the parable of the sower who scatters seeds.... *the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit* (Matthew 13:1-23).



**** 2nd Collection — July 18 & 19 ****

Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic & Community Care Clinic

Our 2nd Collection next weekend will be for the **Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic** and the **Community Care Clinic**. These local outreach organizations provide vital dental and medical services to the lower income residents in our area.

brfdc.org Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic
highlandscashiersclinic.org Community Care Clinic

Church Calendar

Monday, July 13, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm
(Meets in the Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 14, **Ladies of St. Jude**, 10:00am
(Meets in the Parish Hall)

Tues., July 21, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am
(Meets in the Parish Hall)

Tues., July 21, **Pastoral Council Mtg.**, 10:00am