

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 7/5 11:00	Gerry Morgan	Nick Navar
Wed. 7/08 9:00	Mary Long	Ellen Nolan
Thurs. 7/09 12:10	Suzette Oleksyk	
Fri.. 7/10 9:00	William Allen	Carmen Allen
Sat. 7/11 4:00	William Madden +	The Walker Family

Saint of the Week

BL. Elias of Bourdeilles, Bishop—Feast Day July 5

Elias was born in 1407 at Perigord in southwestern France. He was a member of a family whose lineage included the illustrious counts of Bourdeilles.

At the age of ten, Elias received the Franciscan habit. Following studies and ordination, in 1437 he became Bishop of Perigord. In 1468, he was appointed Archbishop of Tours, and he was made a Cardinal of the Church in 1483. Moreover, he served as King Louis XI's confessor.

Elias occupies a central spot in history for his vigorous defense of St. Joan of Arc. Under Pope Clement VII, his cause for beatification was introduced in 1526 but never completed. He died in 1484.

REFLECTION The festive day of Bl. Elias, defender of St. Joan's religious freedom, comes at an opportune time. As the memories of another celebration of freedom and liberty fade this day, we rejoice in our good fortune to be able to openly and freely worship our God. In view of the many areas of the world where freedom of religion is denied, we are reminded of our great privilege and should take full advantage of our circumstances through serious growth in our relationship with God.

Stewardship Thought

The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service, and through giving of one's resources.

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Scripture Readings

Sunday 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday St. Maria Goretti Hos 2:16, 17b-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 St. Augustine Zhao Rong 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 St. Benedict, Abbot Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9



Father's Column

(This weeks column is written by our visiting seminarian, Peter Rusciolelli)

The month of July is traditionally dedicated as the month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and, in the extraordinary form calendar, July 1st is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Precious Blood. And thus, as we reflect on the Precious Blood of Our Lord this month, we consider why Christ chose to spill His blood in order to save us. Couldn't God have saved humanity without the bloody death of Jesus Christ? The great Church theologian, Saint Thomas Aquinas asks the question as to whether there was a more suitable way than Christ's Passion to save humanity from their sins. His conclusion is that there was no way more suitable, because by the bloody suffering and death of Christ, mankind knows how much God loves them, and they are moved to return that love. Christ's willingness to suffer a painful, bloody death expresses to us in the most human way possible, the love He has for us, and His great desire that we be freed from sin. His blood then, becomes the visible expression of His love.

We, therefore, by reflecting on His Precious Blood, are to recognize the infinite amount He suffered for us, and thus the infinite amount of love He has for us.

When a family member or friend gives us a gift, purely out of love for us, are we not then moved out of love to give something to them in return? The more they spent, the more we are moved to give ack. And so, if Christ gave us the gift of His life, and spent all of His Blood purchasing this gift, ought we not make a return gift and give all our love back to Him? Thus, when the priest says the words of consecration, "This is the chalice of my blood...which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins..." we recognize in His blood, truly made present before us, His great love for us and are thus moved to return to Him the greatest gift we possess: our own love.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Our next Pastoral Council Meeting will be on
Thursday, July 16th at 10:30 am.

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Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Suzette Oleksyk, Dr. Larry Barbles, Patricia Pittari, Adele Hopkins, Maureen Hunt, Judy Sneed.

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.
Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.