



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018



Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. ~Psalm 85:12

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – July 14

8:00am~††† **Ciro “Jerry” Mezzacappa**
5:00pm~††† **Aldorah Williams ~Anniv.~**

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: daughter, son-in-law & grandsons

Sunday – July 15

8:30am~††† **Wanda Saldaña**
10:00am- ††† **James A. Crowdell ~Bday Anniv.~**
11:30am- ††† **Parish Community Intentions**
1:30pm- ††† **Parish Community Intentions**
6:00pm- ††† **Parish Community Intentions**

Offered by: Santos Family
Offered by: Alexis Crowdell

Monday – July 16 ~Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-

8:00am~††† **Domingo Guzman-Martinez**
12:05pm~††† **Francisco Rosario**

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: Jose Lopez & Family

Tuesday – July 17

8:00am~††† **Thelma Dixon**
12:05pm~††† **Florencio Contreras, Jr.**

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Wednesday – July 18

8:00am~††† **Frances Plescia**
12:05pm~††† **Anthony Mezzacappa**

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Thursday – July 19

8:00am ~††† **Vittoria DiGiovanni**
12:05pm~††† **Thomas Dernback**

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Friday – July 20

8:00am~††† **Barbara Cucuzza**
12:05pm~††† **Concetta Pellecchia**

Offered by: OLMC Parish
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Saturday – July 21

8:00am~††† **William Burke**
5:00pm~††† **Bryan Graves**

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – July 22

8:30am~††† **Isabel Maria Quiñones**
10:00am- ††† **Grace Frulio**

Offered by: daughter, Martha
Offered by: Frulio Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



~ **FOR ALL**
~ **SOULS**
~ **IN PURGATORY**
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Liturgical Minister's Schedule JULY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Linford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E.M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo
Sub: Cinderella Wonschwitz

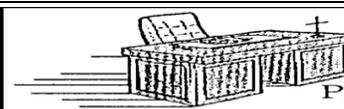
Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*)
Sub: Jonathan Codipilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres
Sub: Linda Torres

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*)
Eucharistic Ministers: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Cresencia Pascua
Sub: Emmanuel Fode



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world" (*Ephesians 1: 3*)

We are all called to be disciples and missionaries. But what does it mean to be a disciple? Today's Gospel gives us the answer because it describes what Jesus said to his disciples when he sent them out: to be a disciple is to leave everything behind, to preach and to live a life of simplicity. Let the readings help us to recreate our mission as disciples since Jesus wants us to be his witnesses.

The life of the disciples or missionaries as well as that of the ancient prophets can be a life full of difficulty. God sent the prophet Amos on a mission to Bethel where people rejected him. People told Amos to go home and never come back. Jesus on the other hand told his disciples not to take money or food or clothes to change. Curiously, in the second reading, Saint Paul, one of the greatest missionaries of the Church, thanks God for all that God has done for us. Therefore feeling disciples and missionaries even when we may face trials and adversities, we have to remember the richness of God's grace. Perhaps one of the biggest fears that impede our missionary work today is to believe that we should have great academic degrees to be able to preach. Although a good preparation helps the disciples, we can't stop doing God's work. Like the prophet Amos although feeling rejected, reminded his interlocutors that "he was not born a prophet but a simple shepherd and a dresser of sycamores". Amos did not study to be a priest or a prophet. However, he felt the call or vocation to fight against the corruption of the powerful that oppressed the poor. Amos denounced the lack of social sensitivity of the powerful towards the poor. Nowadays our world needs prophets like Amos to remind us that everyone has to share to let the Kingdom of God blossom.

Jesus' command to "go two by two" has always caught my attention. There is no doubt that this advice about not traveling alone made the trip and preaching less dangerous. It is interesting to speculate about how they paired off. Perhaps Peter, impetuous and outspoken, was sent with Thomas, unsure of what he did not see himself. Who might have been paired with Judas? Although the disciples did not carry many material things, it is no less true that they were prepared to attract followers, drive out demons, and cure many who were sick. Above all they carried the model of their Master, Jesus, who taught them to be humble and put their trust in our Heavenly Father. We know that the strength of God was with the disciples and only that his grace was necessary to announce to the world a world of brothers and sisters.

Are we ready to be disciples and missionaries?

Fr. Hernán, SJ.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 15: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:13-14 or 1:3-10

July 22: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13-18



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019 – Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. First Communion and Confirmation preparation require two full years of instruction before receiving the sacrament. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate when registering. All children are welcome at our program. We have a great service for children with developmental challenges. Please call us to learn more about how we can serve your family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments during the Easter season. Call the rectory if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

HAVE A NICE DAY - This is the beginning of a new day. God has given you this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you're exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something you have traded for it. You want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that you shall not regret the price you paid for it.

NEVER MISS MASS AGAIN - www.masstimes.org Traveling for summer vacation? Be sure not to miss Mass! Visit masstimes.org for worship times, church locations, contact information, website links and maps for 117,000 churches in 201 countries/territories.

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO - St. Roch's Parish in the Parish Hall on Friday nights at 6pm. Get out of the heat and join them for Bingo games, refreshments and fun!

COLLECTIONS: July 8: \$3,579; Companions in Christ \$1,390. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - At the time of the Reformation, although England broke away from papal authority under Henry VIII, a silent majority clung to the Catholic faith. Henry's eldest daughter, Mary, restored the "old religion" in a fierce persecution of Protestants (she is called "Bloody Mary" for good reason.) His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, rejected papal ties. Under her reign, beginning with legislation in 1593, Catholics were persecuted again, and only the very wealthy could afford the fines for not attending Anglican services on Sunday. They were called "recusants," from a Latin word meaning "refuse," since they refused to attend the liturgy of the Church of England. Many families maintained Catholic tradition in secret, and today their descendants claim "Recusancy" as a mark of family pride. For generations they sent their young people abroad to be educated in convents and monasteries. It is not surprising that the first monastery in colonial America springs from Holland with the daughters of patrician English recusant families. Port Tobacco, Maryland, proved fruitful soil for the Carmelite tradition.

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place." Our Lady of Mount Carmel was adopted in the 19th century as the patron saint of Chile, in South America. Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted wearer. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on the 16th of July. The solemn liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was probably first celebrated in England in the later part of the 14th century. Its object was thanksgiving to Mary, the patroness of the Carmelite Order, for the benefits she had accorded to it through its difficult early years. The institution of the feast may have come in the wake of the vindication of their title "Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary" at Cambridge, England in 1374. The date chosen was 17 of July; on the European mainland this date conflicted with the feast of St. Alexis, requiring a shift to the 16th of July, which remains the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel throughout the Catholic Church. The Latin poem "*Flos Carmeli*" (meaning "Flower of Carmel") first appears as the sequence for this Mass. **We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel during the 12:05pm Mass, this coming Monday, July 16th.**

Prayer to the Blessed Mother of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525.

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