

JULY 7, 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2



Sunday Offertory

06-30-2024.....\$
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$

YTD
 Offertory.....\$161,695
 Budget.....\$140,400
Surplus/Deficit.....\$21,295

Food Pantry.....\$

**OFFERING WILL BE UPDATED
 IN THE 07-14-2024 BULLETIN.**



**Ezekiel 2:2-5
 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relatives. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride, which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

**Readings may be found
 in the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 1019**

From the Pastor's Desk....

Happy Sunday everyone,

I hope that everyone had a great 4th of July!

Today we celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel tells the story of Jesus returning back to his hometown of Nazareth. For the past few weeks, we have heard about all the amazing things that Jesus did. His followers probably expected a glorious homecoming, but instead, we hear that people brush Jesus off!

It is easy to think that we would know better - after all we have heard about all the things Jesus has done! And yet there is something else at work - the fact that familiarity breeds contempt.

People in Nazareth knew Jesus. They knew his family and watched him grow up. To them, he was just being dramatic with his claims of being the Messiah. But we do the same thing. We are "used" to Jesus. We are used to the holy things. We know how it really works.

This familiarity can prevent us from taking Jesus seriously. When was the last time we listened to a difficult teaching from Jesus or from the Church? When have we approached prayer with reverence instead of with a casual smugness? I think we are called to remember just Who lives among us and Who we serve.

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 6	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For Vocations
Sunday, July 7	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People For the People
Monday, July 8	No Mass	
Tuesday, July 9	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Wednesday, July 10	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Thursday, July 11	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Friday, July 12	Noon Mass	+Charles Cokely
Saturday, July 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, July 14	10:30 am Mass	+Nanette Schmidt

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation.

7/7 Lindsay May
 7/14 Lauren Vanderpool
 7/21 David Hicks
 7/28 Russ Cassidy

"If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118".

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER
 UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness. - Father John Muir ©LPi

SAVE the DATE: There will be a Deanery picnic on September 14 at 11:00 am, at the Paintsville Lake. St Francis parishioners are asked to bring cold sides. Be sure to make this on your calendar!

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,

Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth. Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You. Amen. @LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
 ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Terry Williams, Becky Griffith's brother in law - (pray that he will be able to have the lung removed)

Mary Jo Potensky, Mary Ann Sisco's cousin

Terry Reed, cancer and kidney failure

Sharon Collins, cancer

Alex Wells, car accident

Sidney Tackett

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Jimmie Goss

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)

John Fliehman, stroke

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



Truth-Sayers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

Reflect

Who has been a truth-sayer for you?

How have they impacted your life?



Whether they hear or resist—they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2:5

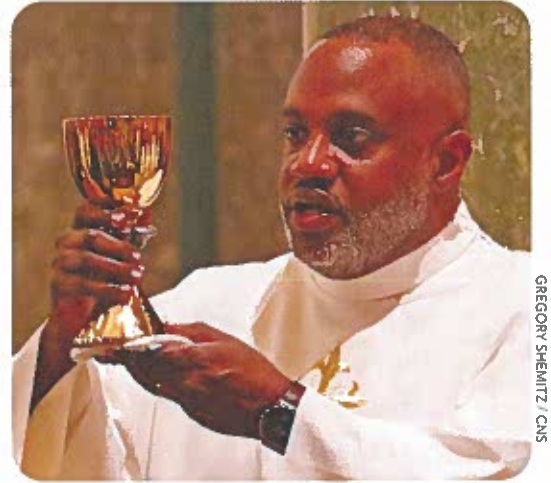
Dear Padre,

My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests “Father” when Jesus said not to. I don’t know how to answer.

Jesus instructs his disciples, “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (Matthew 23:8–9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors “professor.”

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”)

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his “child in faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, “I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called “Father” for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



GREGORY SHEMITZ / CNS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Benedict, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hos 2:16, 17c– 18, 21–22	Hos 8:4–7, 11–13	Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12	Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9	Hos 14:2–10 Mt 10:16–23	Is 6:1–8 Mt 10:24–33	Am 7:12–15 Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10 Mk 6:7–13
Mt 9:18–26	Mt 9:32–38	Mt 10:1–7	Mt 10:7–15			



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God’s grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.

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