

**July 6, 2014: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”  
— Mt. 11:28-30

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, July 6, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30)**

8:00 am- Lillie & Willie Wagner & Willie, Jr.  
10:30 am- Henry Jalufka

**Monday, July 7 (Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26)**

7:00 am- Vincent Gaitan, Sr. & Annie Orosco  
10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, July 8 (Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38)**

7:00 am- Bill Adair

**Wednesday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7)**

7:00 am- Kayleigh Foster  
8:05 am- Roy Kalisek

**Thursday, July 10 (Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15)**

7:00 am- Lucille & Carlwin Werner  
10:00 am- Andrew Leopold, Sr. (Stevens)

**Friday, July 11, St. Benedict, Abbot (Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23)**

7:00 am- Henry & Annie Etzler  
8:05 am- Elsie & Joe F. Steffek

**Saturday, July 12 (Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33)**

5:30 pm- Daniel Wick

**Sunday, July 13, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23)**

8:00 am- For our Parish Family  
10:30 am- Henry & Sylvia Kallus

**Bulletin Sponsor:** Franklin & Nola Bohuslav in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** Leo & Evelyn Hoffer in memory of Alvin & Annie Schneider.

**Vigil Light:** In memory of Wilbert Roznovsky.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$4,519.50; Church Endowment Envelopes-\$251; School Endowment Envelopes-\$272; Loose-\$1,250; Children's-\$46.

**Plants** at the Eucharistic Altar this weekend are by the Andrew & Jane Pesek Family in honor of Bill & Sweet Hrnair's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**June Baptisms:** Landon Cole, son of Michael & Brooke Dieringer; Cavan Wayne, son of Devin & Jaime Mertz; Callan Ray, son of Anton & Nicole Bujnoch; Bexley Ann, daughter of Erik & Haley Kader; Isis Lian & Ruben Antonio, children of Ruben & Rebeca Perez.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, JULY 7**

-Rehearsal for Cantors & Organists, 6:15 p.m., Church.

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 am, K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Cry Room.

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Kynlee Klekar, Jack Crandall, Theresa Hemmi, Gary Trojcak, Georgie Henke, Harold Bonorden, Jennifer Mojica, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Johnny Steffek, Louise Pesek, nursing home residents, and the homebound.

**Happy Anniversary!**

Raymond & Agnes Johnson	53 years	July 7
Harvey & Vivian Janak	53 years	July 9
Franklin & Nola Bohuslav	50 years	July 11
Arley & Elizabeth Schulte	45 years	July 12
Steve & Patsy Kalmus	56 years	July 12

**Welcome to the Parish:** James & Ruby Bujnoch; Luis & Candice Camarillo, children Madilyn & MaCayle; Erica & Jason Coursey, children Jesse, Isabella & Joseph; Keith & Ashley Rainosek.

**Area Church Picnics:**

**July 6:** Sts. Cyril & Methodius Feast, Dubina. Holy Mass 8:45 am. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction 1:30 pm. Bingo 2-6pm. Washer Pitching 4pm. Music by Shiner Hobo Band, Mark Halata & Texavia, & Incredible Music Makers.

**Retrouvaille Weekend, August 15-17.** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register, call John or Jennifer at (361) 580-2770, email [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Drawing for a 2014 Polaris Ranger Crew 570** (seating for 4) with 12 ft. Maxey Single Axle Trailer and 13 additional prizes will be held at the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic on August 31. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Rectory.

The Franciscan Missions sell postage stamps (cancelled, never used, U.S. or foreign) and send the proceeds to the Greenwood, MS Mission. They take all stamps except the "nonprofit" or "canoe" stamps. Please cut off the stamps from envelopes (a 1/4" border is great) and turn them in to GERALYN KLIMITCHEK at Sacred Heart School.

**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

We are celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. We celebrate our independence as a country and thank God for our freedoms. Even though we have lost some of our freedoms, we are still more fortunate than most other countries. Let us never forget to thank God for all His blessings and keep preaching and working to maintain the freedom we have and the Christian values we have.

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the Supreme Court's decision this week supporting Hobby Lobby's right to refuse paying insurance for certain birth control and abortion medications.

We welcome Deacon Jacob Koether to our parish family. He will be with us until school starts. He will return to St. Mary Seminary in Houston for his final year of preparation for the Priesthood, which will take place on June 6, 2015. During this school year, he will be with us two weekends a month. Please welcome Deacon Jacob.

Father Daniel Danso has been our Associate Pastor since August of last year. He is being transferred to Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton to be the Associate Pastor there. We thank Father Daniel for his presence with us this past year and wish him well in the future.

In the second week of July, Father Barnabus Kyeah, will be coming from LaCrosse, Wisconsin to be our new associate.

We congratulate Joshua Blaschke on being accepted to Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas where he will be studying for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Victoria. Joshua is the son of Scott and Diane Blaschke of St. Mary Parish and a 2014 graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High School. Please keep Joshua and all our seminarians in your prayers.

**Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute Courses –**

**July 8/9:** Church, 6-9 p.m., Chancery.

**July 15:** Getting Started as a Catechist, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Holy Cross, East Bernard.

**July 15/17:** Scripture, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Chancery.

Go to [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) for a list of upcoming courses. The fee is \$4 for the companion booklet and can be paid on the day of the class. To register, call Sherry Kainer 573-0828 ext. 2223 or email [pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org).

**Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall, Hallettsville.**

**Tickets on sale now!** Only 400 tickets will be sold. \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the Knights of Columbus Hall or online at [www.kchall.com](http://www.kchall.com) and click on the Falling Leaves tab. For more information, call 361-798-2311.

**Raffle Prizes are needed for our Fall Picnic.** If you are able to donate a prize, please call or come by the Rectory at your earliest convenience. *Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!*

**Perpetual Adoration:** Adorers are needed at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time –**

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Who wouldn't appreciate some real rest? Most of us fall into the category of those "who labor." We have our jobs to do, our families to tend to, our responsibilities to take care of. Often, the tasks seem endless and our time seems so limited. How can we justify "rest" with so many things on our to-do lists? Even recreation can be labor intensive when it involves planning, preparing, traveling, or hosting. And our default modes of "resting"--whether it be watching television, taking a nap, or chatting with a friend--rarely refresh us for more than a few hours. But the rest Jesus is describing is different than this. He isn't talking about an occasional "time-out" from the duties of life. Jesus is offering us a deeper kind of relief, a liberation from the exhaustion of life.

This freedom comes when we take His yoke on our shoulders. Jesus tells us, in essence, to align ourselves with Him--to do our work with Him. All of our duties and responsibilities can be done with Jesus at our side. He does not promise that our obligations will magically disappear. The "rest" He offers is a kind of peace even amidst our daily lives. The refreshment Jesus brings is the comfort of His presence as we engage in the everyday tasks that we are called to do. It is not that there are no longer burdens to bear; rather, the burden is "light" when we share it with the Lord. But just how do we share the load? Perhaps by starting the morning in prayer asking Jesus to assist us, or by seeking His guidance in daily decisions, or by offering our actions to Him. However we do it, when we come to Him as He asked, He promises, "you will find rest."



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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Joachim and St. Anne

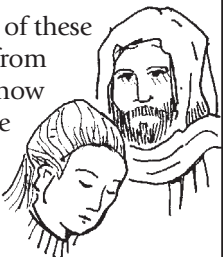
What we know of these two saints comes from tradition. We know that they were Jesus' grandparents and that they raised Mary, Jesus' mother. We also know that they were faithful Jews who raised their daughter in a devout Jewish home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, her comfort with being mother and wife, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.

### Remember ...

Jesus gave us a great gift when he created the Sacrament of Confession (John 20:23). He knew we would want to hear the words of absolution to know he forgives us. Remember that no matter what happens, you are just one Confession away from coming home.

### Begin to change

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."  
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



## Growing strong through spiritual training

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) is a place where we can speak directly to God and get his invaluable help for renewing our lives. To truly benefit from this connection, it's best to approach this Sacrament with sincerity, openness to change, and to welcome the inevitable trials that help us resist temptation.

**Sincerity is the key.** Holiness, like healthiness, is an ongoing process. It starts with a sincere desire to live the way God wants not the way society suggests. Progress toward holiness means avoiding sin but also living with virtue.

**Keep moving forward.** Although we

may want to be healed, if we continue to damage our souls by not avoiding temptation, we won't progress. We must change. Fortunately, we can seek forgiveness in Confession and start fresh.

**Seek the priest's advice.**

After all, it is Jesus speaking through him. This is our special time with the Lord who wants to help us overcome our weaknesses.

**View trials as training.** Jesus wants us to use Confession to learn

to overcome all that separates us from him. When we fail to resist temptation, we can thank God for the trial and start again. Jesus wants so much to help us to grow closer to him. He created this Sacrament as a way for him to lead and guide us.



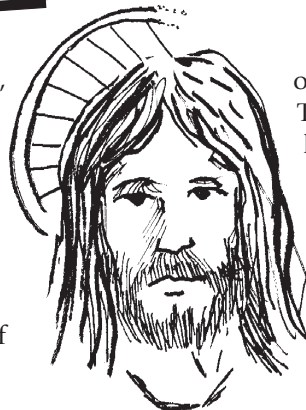
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics say that Jesus is true God and true man?

Jesus, as the Son of God, assumed a human nature and became one with us in all things except sin (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #470). That made him true God and true man.

This is a great mystery of

our faith: (John 1:14). The divine nature and human nature united in the person of Jesus "without confusion or division" (Council of Chalcedon, A.D. 541). Jesus is "Emmanuel," God with us.

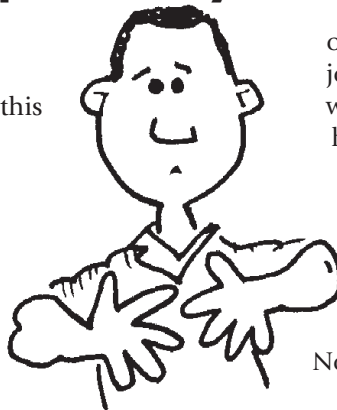




## How “poor” is your spirit?

To be “poor in spirit” conjures up images of people who are depressed or down-hearted with little or no spiritual life. In fact, people who live this beatitude are spiritual giants fully aware of their absolute need for God and live with complete dependence upon him. In that way, they grow stronger through their trials and personal crosses. When we live this beatitude we are most likely living the other seven, too.

**Happy to live in union with God.** Poor in spirit means that we depend upon God for all



our needs and we are happy to live our lives joined to him. Someone who lives in union with God knows that there is nothing the world has to offer that can compare.

**Happy to be secure with God.** Poor economy, bad health, loneliness, insecurity in an imperfect world can rob us of safety and happiness in the world. Yet, when we rely on God for what we need, nothing can steal the joy or happiness that he provides. Nothing.

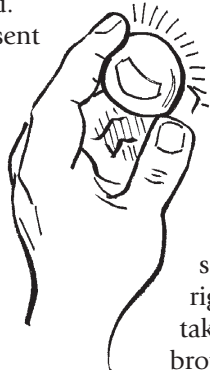
### from Scripture

#### Matthew 13:44-52, Hidden treasure.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus described several scenarios of extraordinary good fortune and compared that feeling to discovering the kingdom of God. When people from Judah were sent into exile in 587 BC, some buried their treasures in the hope of returning. People in Jesus’ audience would have known that coming upon such a treasure would have changed their lives. So, discovering the hidden treasure of the Kingdom now revealed through Jesus can give new meaning to our lives.

In a barter-based economy like that of ancient Israel, a merchant’s fortune

depended upon the quality and desirability of what he had to sell.



Discovering a valuable pearl would have been irresistible to him. Also irresistible would be the answers to someone searching for truth when he or she discovers the reign of God. When we possess Godly treasure, we are truly rich.

Then Jesus described the separation between the evil and righteous like the sifting that takes place when a catch is brought ashore. The message of the Kingdom now takes precedence over any old messages and gives them new meaning.

### Q & A Is the Church always right?

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised his disciples he would send the Holy Spirit to guide them “to all truth” (Jn 16:13). “The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you” (John 14:26). The Apostles handed on their authority and mission to their successors, -- the pope and the bishops. Together, they are responsible for “giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God” (CCC #85; *Dei Verbum*, 10, § 2). The whole Church, because it is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, cannot err in matters of faith and morals.

Also, “The whole body of the faithful...cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of faith (*sensus fidei*) on the part of the whole people” (CCC 92). That means that individual members may make mistakes, sometimes publically. Then the Church must clarify “what has always and everywhere been believed by all” (St. Vincent of Lerins).

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 6 – St. Maria Goretti (1902).** Twelve year-old Maria was attacked by a neighbor who tried to defile her. When she fought rather than submit, he stabbed her repeatedly. She forgave him before dying shortly after. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while in prison and his first act when released 30 years later was to beg Maria’s mother’s forgiveness. He wept tears of joy when he attended Maria’s canonization.

**July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century).** Jesus expelled seven demons

from Mary (Luke 8:2) and she supported his ministry with her own money. She stood by his Cross with his mother and was the one who informed the Apostles of his Resurrection.

**July 25 - St. James (42).** St. James and his brother left their father in a fishing boat to become Jesus’ Apostles. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus’ transfiguration, the raising of Jairus’ daughter, and the agony in Gethsemani. St. James was the first Apostle to be martyred.

