

July 4, 2010: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" — Lk 10:8-9
Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, July 4 (Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family (*Independence Day*)

10:30 am- Vincent Gaitan, Sr.

Monday, July 5 (Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26)

7:00 am- Willie & Lillie Wagner

10:00 am- Alice Kleiber (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, July 6 (Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38)

7:00 am- Henry, Elizabeth, David & Cheryl Henke

Wednesday, July 7 (Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7)

7:00 am- James Pekar

8:05 am- Rose Marie Mitchel

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

7:00 am- John Henry & Gregory Schindler

10:00 am- Bill Adair (Stevens)

Friday, July 9 (Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23)

7:00 am- Frank V. & Rosalee Henke

8:05 am- Henry R. Kallus

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

5:30 pm- Hedy Pustejovsky

Sunday, July 11 (Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37)

8:00 am- John Jalufka

10:30 am- For our Parish Family



Bulletin Sponsor: WNCP of Hallettsville.

Vigil Light: In memory of Clarence Laas.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend are in memory of Marie Voelkel Holy.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,135; Catholic Ed.-\$390; Loose-\$935; Children-\$67; Church End.-\$60; School End.-\$392; 3 in 1-\$165; Peter's Pence-\$495; Manna-\$603.

Anniversaries:

James & Marcie Appelt 35 years July 4

Wilton & Alma Hrcncir 61 years July 4

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Alice Wilde*, mother of Judy Appelt; and, *Alfred T. Blanchard*, father of Darnell Varley. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Welcome to the Parish: Ronald & Marie Ridgeway, Ronnie & Janet Hornischer, and David & Lillie Demny.

Promise of marriage: Wade Kallus & Ashley Mikeska on July 17.

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsors are needed. Please come by the Rectory if you are able to sponsor one or both. *Thank you!*

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Sept. 5-14. Spiritual Director Fr. Robert Guerra. Be there for our Lady's birthday. If you would like to join us, contact Betty Urbanovsky 979-543-2333 or William & Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 4

-St. John Parish Picnic, St. John. Mass 9am. Flag Raising Ceremony 10am. Stew & fried chicken dinner 10:30 am. Auction 1pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games & train rides. Music by Shiner Hobo Band, Czech & Then Some, Dujka Bros. & Red Ravens.

MONDAY, JULY 5

-No rosary & evening prayer.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-Christian Mother's meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-Women's ACTS meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

-K.C. General meeting, 8:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

-Scripture study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-Right to Life meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rectory.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Rm.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. (Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.)

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Louise Tesch, Thelma Mikulenska, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Helen Mitchon, Marcella Henke, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., Josh Mann, Faith Del Castillo, Theresa Steffek, Edna Key, Oreltha McCord, Josephine Matejek, Judy Johnson, Donna Avant, Kirk Remmers, Danielle Grady, Royce Chudej, Olga Haas, Sandra Mozisek, Sonny Strelec, Dalton Bubela, Daniel A. Wick, Soila Sanchez, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Baptisms in June: Adan Eriberto, son of Adan & Silvia Ibarra; Jose Jonathan, son of Jose & Claudia Martinez; & Matthew David, son of Jason Roznovsky & Laura Holster

The Gabriel Project is in need of volunteers. Call Barbara at 649-1612. **Gabriel Project is also in dire need of baby beds! Call 866-627-9243 to donate. Thanks!**

The sisters of Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria invite Jr. & Sr. High girls & their parents to visit on July 25. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. & ends with Evening Praise at 5:00 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Rectory. Deadline is July 21. For information, call Sr. Louise Marie 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

From the Desk of Father John

We bid farewell to Fr. Michael as he moves on to be the associate pastor at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria. We thank him for all he has done here in Hallettsville and wish him well.

On this Independence Day we do well to come together to praise and thank God for our gift of freedom. The United States of America is founded on a belief in God; without God it can not stand.

The founding fathers recognized that their rights had come from God and that without God there would be no human rights. There is no liberty or even hope for liberty without God.

Today we stand before God to profess before the whole world our belief that freedom is not the fruit of political adeptness or military power but the gift of God. "God who gave us life, gave us liberty." Indeed it is right that we give thanks and praise to God for this gift of freedom.



The Youth ConneXion



July 11: Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m.

Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

July 14 & 21: Echoes of Faith Classes, *Scriptures*, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., CCD Office. Call the CCD Office to register for this class.

Pastoral Institute Classes offered by Diocese of Victoria:

July 6 & 8: Prayer & Spirituality, 6:30-9:30 pm, St.

Anthony Cafeteria, Columbus.

July 7: Methods 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 6:30-8:30 pm, Holy

Family, Victoria.

July 8 & 15: Catholic Morality, 6-9 pm, OLSorrows, Vict.

July 8 & 15: The Learner, 6:30-9:30 pm, Holy Cross, East Bernard.

July 10: Roles of the Catechist, 9am-12pm, St. John, Hungerford.

July 13 & 15: Church (non-Echoes), 6-9 pm, St. Joseph, Yoakum.

July 13 & 14: Sacraments, 6-9 pm, Holy Rosary, Hostyn.

July 14 & 21: The Scriptures, 5:30-8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Hallettsville.

Mini-Twirl Camp, July 19–22, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Sacred Heart School Gym for ages K – 8th Grade.

Camp cost \$20. T-shirt \$12. Batons \$20. For information, call Becky McElroy 798-2831 or 798-3088.



Fund Drive for purchase of house at 318 S. Texana

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Goal - \$40,000

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There were many little incidents that led up to the Revolutionary War. Open-ended warrants, taxation without representation, the Stamp Act requiring fees on newspapers and other printed matter, and the quartering of troops in private homes are just a few examples of actions the colonists objected to in the two decades before the start of the war. In itself, no single event is seen as the definitive cause for the revolution. But the cumulative effect of the grievances – most outlined in the Declaration of Independence – saw many in the colonies rise up against the British, whose army, once thought of as protectors, was now thought of as an occupying force. Those whom we call patriots today, were thought by some of their fellow citizens to be rabble-rousers and criminals. History has a way of sorting things out.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples out to announce the kingdom of God. This was not a move for political power (though some saw it that way) or even for earthly success. It was not even so much a rebellion against the past as a fulfillment of promises made by God long ago. "The kingdom of God is at hand for you," the disciples proclaimed.

The message of Jesus has lasted far longer than nations or kingdoms. Christ is not allied with any government or political faction. God's kingdom exists apart from any political boundaries or human limitations. As Christians, we recognize our responsibility to seek justice and peace. Our calling is to promote the common good, even at the expense of our own self-interest. While we celebrate independence, we also understand that liberty does not mean unfettered license to do what we please. The kingdom of God is not so much a place of individual right as one of communal responsibility. And as citizens of that kingdom we submit ourselves to the law of love for God and for our neighbor. Liturgical Publications Inc

Prayer For Our Country: Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly *Your will*, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and *the restoring of all things in Christ*. Amen.

Prayer For Our Troops: Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her & guide her thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home.

– Irving Berlin



Happy 4th of July!!!!

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One Minute Meditations

Dress for Mass

Warmer weather in many parts of the country means wearing lighter, more casual clothing. Still, something that could be worn to play a sport, clean the garage, or work in the yard may not be appropriate for Mass. God deserves your "Sunday best" even in the Summer.

Rest

Jesus knows that we become weary as we work and when his disciples came back from their first missionary trips, he took them to a quiet place to rest. The same is true for us. When Jesus sees us grow weary from work, he invites us to rest in his company.

Pray for priests

"God wants us, as priests, in one tiny moment of history, to share his concern about people. As priests, we want to be persons who share his concern for men and women, who take care of them and provide them with a concrete experience of God's concern." Pope Benedict XVI



Help inactive Catholics claim their prize

Would you quietly watch while a friend threw away a winning lottery ticket without claiming his prize? In a way, seeing a baptized Catholic neglect his faith is similar. Catholics who don't attend Mass each week, don't partake of the Sacraments, and don't grow in their faith are throwing away the riches Christ has offered. Instead, encourage all Catholics to claim their promised prize.

Listen. Perhaps a painful past episode associated with the Church or a sin that seems unforgivable is keeping your friend from coming to church. Offering gentle attention and comfort makes you an instrument of grace.

Invite. Some Catholics don't practice

their faith because they haven't found a parish home where they feel welcome. Inviting your friend to attend Mass with you is a first step.

Encourage. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are freed from our sins and reminded of God's forgiveness. Encourage your friend to go to Confession and receive the peace of Christ.

Share. Your friend may know about God but he may not know God's love. Sharing the ways in which God has blessed you can help him to start noticing God's love in his own life.

Show. When you live a joyfully Catholic life, your joy becomes contagious. Continue to grow in your own faith and others will want to share it.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

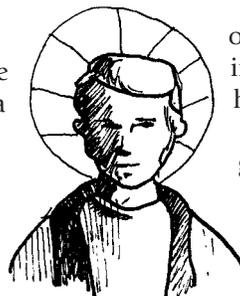
Canonization is a solemn declaration by the Pope that a person lived a life of heroic virtue on Earth or remained faithful to God through martyrdom, and has received eternal life. Such a person is worthy

Why does the Church canonize saints?

of imitation and can act as an intercessor for us as we try for holiness.

Proposing saints as models gives us hope and help to achieve the same reward.

Offering us holy people to inspire us is another gift from the Church to her people.

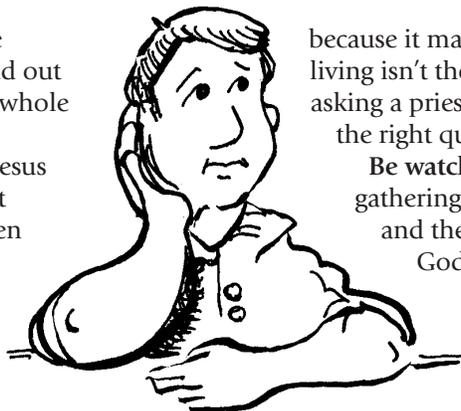


Give me a sign, Lord!

We can only be truly happy when we live according to God's will, but how do we find out what that is? Instead of trying to guess the whole plan, try letting him lead a step at a time.

Quiet down. Listening in silence is key. Jesus often went off alone to pray. Set aside quiet time every day just to listen to God. Even ten minutes a day helps.

Question. Don't be afraid to ask tough questions. "What is my heart's desire?" can be a frightening question to ask



because it may mean accepting that the life you are living isn't the right answer. For extra help, consider asking a priest or other religious to guide you in asking the right questions.

Be watchful. Learning God's will involves gathering information. Learn about your choices and then watch for signs to indicate which ones God wants you to choose.

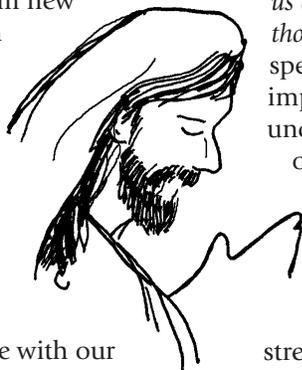
Don't worry. If you make a mistake, God can redeem even bad choices. Let him pick you up and try again.

from Scripture

Luke 11:1-13, Our Father

The disciples were used to formal Old Testament prayer rituals, and expected that Jesus would teach them new ones when they asked him how to pray. He surprised them by introducing the "Our Father," a very warm and informal prayer.

In teaching this prayer, Jesus made a strong point to the disciples that God is our Father and we should be as intimate and familiar with him as we are with our dads on earth. Knowing how much God loves each of us gives the confidence that he will always provide for us.



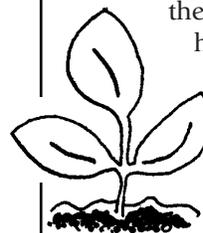
There was another stunning point in the prayer Jesus taught them. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," speaks volumes about how important it is for us to unconditionally forgive each other. As we forgive, so will we be forgiven.

Finally, we ask God not to give us more than we can endure.

Of course God knows our strength better than we do. But we pray this way to remind ourselves that he will always be with us throughout all of our trials.

Q & A What does stewardship mean?

Remember the parable of the three servants who looked after the master's money while he was gone? The first two servants invested the money wisely, but the third was punished for having done nothing with what was given him. (See Matthew 25:14-30.) He was a poor steward of his master's goods.



A steward is someone trusted to manage an employer's affairs and possessions. We have each been trusted with talents and strengths to use in God's service and to further his mission. He expects us to use these gifts to help others know him, love him, serve him, and be happy with him in Heaven.

Today, stewardship means committing the best portion of our time, talent, and treasure to the mission of the Church. Generous sharing of resources, including money, is central to caring for God's Church and his people. When you realize that everything you have and everything you do is from God, then you want to give back to God in thanksgiving. That's modern day stewardship in action.

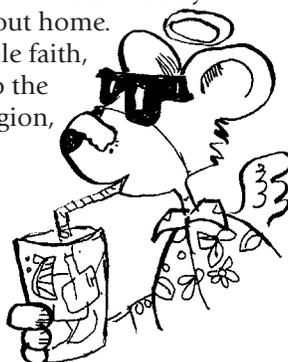
Feasts & Celebrations

July 3 - St. Thomas (1st century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received that proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 11:16). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and ultimately reached India. He was martyred at Calamine.

July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to financially

support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood with Jesus' mother at the foot of the Cross. And, she was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 26 - St. Joachim and St. Anne (?). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.



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