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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24

Responsorial

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11, 12, 13

**I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15

Gospel

Mark 5:21–43

FAITH

“Do not be afraid;
just have faith.”

MARK 5:36

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062721.cfm>

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2–5

Responsorial

Psalms 123:1–2, 2, 3–4

**Our eyes are fixed on
the Lord, pleading for
his mercy.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Gospel Mark 6:1–6

ASTONISH

Many who heard him
were astonished.

MARK 6:2

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070421.cfm>

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We warmly welcome all visitors who have joined us to celebrate!



Masks are no longer required for vaccinated persons, but you may continue to wear one if it makes you feel more comfortable coming to church. Masks are recommended by public health authorities for unvaccinated people (including children) while indoors, particularly in crowded venues. The decision to wear a mask will be left to the discretion of each individual.



We ask that you please be considerate of others, as people grow in their comfort gathering as a community again.

You can still watch Mass online: facebook.com/StJosphatParish/live/

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TEACHING PARISH PROGRAM

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PARISH INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are often celebrated on Sunday at 11:15 am. Visit our website under Sacraments > Baptism for current dates.

Baptismal Preparation Class is the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm in the church. RSVP to the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.

BULLETIN

Available on stjosaphatparish.org and through a link on the JosaFAST weekly email. Submit articles via link on homepage of parish website. Deadline is Tuesday at Noon.

JOSAFast AND TAKE 5 FOR FAITH

Our weekly email is sent every Thursday at 5 pm. Our daily reflection is sent at 6 am. Sign up online or contact the Parish Office if you'd like to receive them.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please stop by the sacristy before Mass to let the priests know, then go to the communion station of the presider of the liturgy.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

If you would like someone to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Services are available from Miriam Wolfe, M.A., L.P.C. at 773.517.3182, and Theresa A. Nollette, LSCW, M.Div., 312.540.0320 or theresa_nollette@sbcglobal.net.

MOVING?

Email the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Pastor at least six months in advance of your wedding to set a date. Parish Marriage Guidelines available at www.stjosaphatparish.org

DONATIONS

Electronic donations may be made through GiveCentral.org, or by texting SUNDAY to 312.625.5666. If you would like envelopes, or did not receive your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

DON'S HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Contact Michelle Knight at the Parish Office michelle@stjosaphatparish.org

CAREER TRANSITION CENTER OF CHICAGO

Our parish has member benefits. Reference ctcchicago.org

ASSISTANCE FOR ABUSE CASES

Allegations concerning abuse and/or neglect should be reported to the local police. Key numbers: National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.SAFE; DCFS Hotline: 800.25.ABUSE; Archdiocese of Chicago Office of the Protection of Children and Youth: 800.994.6200

BLESS YOUR HOME

Fr. Francis will gladly come to bless your home. Contact the Parish Office.

EMERGENCIES

Call anytime.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office Summer Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm. We are closed Friday-Sunday.

FROM OUR PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr. Francis will be in Washington, D.C. until June 28. He is taking classes for his Doctor of Ministry degree at the Catholic University of America.

<https://trs.catholic.edu/academics/graduate/spirituality/dmin/index.html>

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

When was the last time that you felt completely welcomed, appreciated, catered to? When your hosts made you feel like they were genuinely happy you came to visit? When every last detail was attended to, and maybe you were surprised that someone put so much thought into planning for your comfort?

Have you felt that way at a church service or event? Have you felt that way here at St. Josaphat? If not yet, we hope you will be! In fact, we want you to help create the culture of **Radical Hospitality** that we are cultivating here. We have always considered ourselves to be a welcoming place; after all, our tagline is “A church to come home to.” In our 2007 parishwide survey with 471 parishioner respondents, 48% described us as “welcoming,” 42% as “community,” and 40% as “friendly.” So we’re starting from a good baseline, we just need to turn it up a notch.

When we practice **Radical Hospitality**, we model Jesus. There is a strong basis in both the Old and New Testaments for offering hospitality to others. We know that Jesus lived with compassion for everyone, from the most despised in society like tax collectors, to the downtrodden, like the woman at the well. We also know that he had good friends like Mary, Martha and Lazarus, and trusted companions in the apostles. Jesus accepted their hospitality while offering his own. We are also told, “Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” (Hebrews 13:2) In other words, Christian hospitality lets us see Jesus in the people God brings us in contact with. They are worthy of our focus and time.

Radical Hospitality is a key component of moving our parish from maintenance (attending Mass on Sundays) to mission (actively living out our faith and sharing the Good News with others, i.e. evangelizing.) According to Bishop Robert Schnase, “Vibrant, fruitful, growing parishes practice **Radical Hospitality**. Out of genuine love for Christ and for others, they take the initiative to invite, welcome, and include newcomers and help them grow in faith as they become part of the body of Christ. They focus on those beyond their congregation with as

much passion as they attend to the nurture and growth of those who already feel connected, and they apply their utmost creativity, energy, and effectiveness to the task, exceeding all expectations.”

Our May Leadership Summit featured Jane Angha from Ministry Blueprints sharing about Radical Hospitality. Check out the Zoom on our website under Welcome! > Radical Hospitality. (It should start with Fr. Francis’s opening prayer. If for some reason it doesn’t, skip to the 20-minute mark. Also, feel free to fast forward through the time we are in breakouts.)

As a result of the discussion in the breakout sessions of the Summit, we have created a Radical Hospitality Team, and invite you to join. We have met once, and are keen on retooling the role of COVID-era Greeter to be on welcoming rather than safety. (Please email christine@frech.org if you are interested in more information on the Radical Hospitality Team or being a Greeter.)

Even if you can’t participate at this time, we invite you to practice **Radical Hospitality** at Mass. Search out people you don’t recognize and smile or wave to them. If you see someone without a *Gather* book, ask if you can bring them one. If there seems to be some confusion about the communion line, feel free to whisper to someone how it works. Congratulate a new parent or acknowledge a family who has “active” toddlers. (We parents with older kids have been there.) Motion to the Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to someone who can’t leave their seat.

We want to make St. Josaphat an inviting place where everyone feels welcome and sees our parish as their support system. We want to help people to deepen their faith and develop their relationship with Jesus, and want them to feel comfortable talking with others about it. Modeling Jesus with a practice of **Radical Hospitality** is an important part of achieving this vision.

— *Christine Frech, Parish Director of Staff and Communications*



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

JUNE 27, 2021

It's easy to overlook the detail that the afflicted woman in today's Gospel was suffering for *twelve years!* She lived in isolation, spent everything she had trying to find a cure, but doctors could not help her. Yet somehow she believed that just by touching Jesus' cloak, she could be healed. Jairus is desperate about his dying daughter—a hopeless situation. It is **faith** that Jesus stresses to each of them. To the woman he says: "Daughter, your faith has made you well," and to Jairus: "Do not fear, only believe."

Like the woman, there are times when I exhaust all other options before turning to God. It's a lesson that takes time to learn—only when I really trust and put my faith in his hands, am I unburdened by anxiety and filled with a sense of peace. Not to be confused with hopelessness, this

is quite the opposite—it's more of a relief to "let go and let God." It's a release from the burden of control over the things you really can't control and trusting in God's plan. That's what I'm discovering about my faith—it's not just acknowledging that a higher power exists, but that God is the source of healing. And letting him guide me, not just in times of desperation, is what makes me feel the most fulfilled.

— Tina Smat, Parish Support Specialist



JULY 4, 2021

Happy Independence Day! Today we remember our many brave patriots who made our country possible. Today's readings likewise are about brave souls of the past—the prophets. For the most part, the Biblical prophets were unpopular and led a tough life. In the 1st Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, God warns Ezekiel that He is "sending [him] to the Israelites" who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart." In today's 2nd Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Paul states that even though God has given revelations to him, "a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated" with "insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints." Finally, in today's Gospel passage from Mark, Jesus tells us that "[a] prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin in his own house."

What distinguishes these prophets of antiquity from true prophets today?

First, "true" prophets are those who truly preach and live the Gospel. A true prophet of Jesus is a person who thinks of others first, and who is willing to sacrifice himself or herself for others, irrespective of whether that

position is politically popular or will lead to personal wealth or aggrandizement. Second, true prophets and the people that follow them generally are unpopular with the masses and may suffer violence, or at least ridicule and criticism because they proclaim positions that most people don't want to hear. Just look at what happened to Jesus and his apostles.

During Baptism, each of us was anointed into Jesus's priesthood, prophecy, and kingship. Thus our mission as Catholic Christians is to be prophets for Christ. We are to live our lives as Jesus teaches us, especially with respect to our relationships with others. Like the Biblical prophets, our positions may not be popular, and we may suffer somewhat for expressing them. But each of us can take comfort from God's revelation to St. Paul in today's 2nd Reading that God's "grace is sufficient for you." May God's grace always be with each of us as we prophesy the Kingdom of God.

— Deacon Pat Casey



PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MISSION IS

New Position Available at St. Josaphat Parish!

Do you (or someone you know) love to talk about your faith and reach out to others in faith? Do you want to be a part of a new culture here at St. Josaphat where our mission is to help bring others into a closer relationship with Jesus? We are looking to hire an Associate Director of Evangelization, Hospitality & Outreach. Check out our parish website under **How Do I?** for a full job description.



Throughout summer, please join with other parishes in our RMC Grouping for weekday morning Mass at 8 am:
Mondays at St. Joseph Church, 1107 N. Orleans
Tuesdays at St. Michael's in Old Town, 1633 N. Cleveland
Wednesdays at St. Teresa of Avila, 1037 W. Armitage
Thursdays at St. Vincent DePaul, 1010 W. Webster
Fridays at St. Josaphat

ALL ARE WELCOME

We want our parish to feel welcoming to all, especially those that don't know anyone else at Mass. Become a minister of hospitality! Sign up on the parish website under Serve > Mass Ministry.



Our Parish Office summer hours are Monday–Thursday, 9 am–5 pm. We are closed Friday–Sunday.

PETER'S PENCE

This weekend is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, go to www.peterspence.va/en.html

THEOLOGY ON TAP

WHAT IS THEOLOGY ON TAP?

Theology on Tap is an outdoor summer speaker series **for young adults**. Enrich your faith as you meet new people and enjoy **free food and drinks** on a beautiful summer evening! A great place for those involved and engaged in their Catholic faith, as well as those searching for answers to important life questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, **July 6** at 6:30 pm
St. Clement, 642 W. Deming

Speaker: Cliff Barber, Chief Strategy Officer of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Wednesday, **July 7** at 6:30 pm
St. Alphonsus, 1429 W. Wellington

Speaker: Will Zander, on Finding Fulfillment in the Workplace



Find more information about the Young Adult ministries at these locations on their websites:

<https://www.clement.org/learn/adults/theology-tap>
<https://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/young-adult-ministry>

BLESSING FOR OUR NATION



God of all things,
we come before you in thanksgiving
for all that you have created.
For the world and its beauty,
but especially for the people around us.
We ask you today to give us wisdom and courage
to look at the world and all its problems
and inspire us to dream great ways to improve upon
what you have so graciously given to us.
Make us worthy to call you Father.
And together bestow insight upon us
to honor your created things.

Bless, protect, and gift us ever anew with your love.
We ask all this as members of this country,
in Christ's name.
Amen.

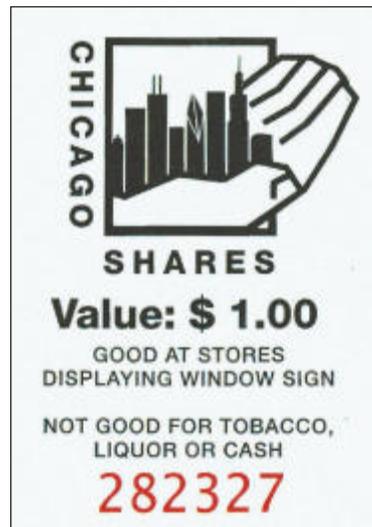
CHICAGO SHARES - HELPING THE NEEDY

Chicago Shares is a safe, convenient and respectful way to give one-to-one help to needy people you may encounter on the street. The \$1 vouchers can be used for food and necessities—never for alcohol or tobacco.

Since they've been around since 1993, many of you know about them. You may not be aware, however, that while their program was impacted by COVID-19, they are today very much alive and well. What's more, Chicago Shares vouchers are now accepted by an impressive number of Jewel food stores.

Here's how one regular purchaser of Chicago Shares explains it: "Stopping to hand a Chicago Shares voucher to someone on the street with a friendly word tells them that they are not invisible. That voucher offers them the bread of recognition and connection."

To find out more about Chicago Shares (which have been featured on Catholic Chicago radio as well as WGN TV news), or purchase the \$1 vouchers online, go to www.chicagoshares.org



A CHURCH TO COME HOME TO

MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

MONDAY JUNE 28

Living and Deceased
Mothers and Fathers

TUESDAY JUNE 29

† Joseph Paglia

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

† Purgatorial Society

FRIDAY JULY 2

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

SATURDAY JULY 3

5:00 pm † Nancy and † Peter Feist

SUNDAY JULY 4

8:00 am † Veronica O’Keefe
10:00 am † Kate Dreixler

MONDAY JULY 5

Parishioners of St. Josaphat

TUESDAY JULY 6

Living and Deceased
Mothers and Fathers

WEDNESDAY JULY 7

† Purgatorial Society

FRIDAY JULY 9

8:00 am For an increase of vocations to the Franciscans of the Eucharist

SATURDAY JULY 10

5:00 pm † Wendell Leigh Smith

SUNDAY JULY 11

8:00 am † Oswaldo “Wally” Samonte
10:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat



We're most in need of:
men's white t-shirts size L or XL,
men's white socks.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tues.	6/29	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer* (Church)
Fri.	7/2	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
Sat.	7/3	5:00 pm	Mass (Church)
Sun.	7/4		Happy Independence Day!
		8:00 am	Mass (Church)
		10:00 am	Mass (Church) or Watch Live on Facebook
Mon	7/5		Parish Office Closed (Independence Day Observed)
Tues.	7/6	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer* (Church)
Fri.	7/9	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
Sat.	7/10	5:00 pm	Mass (Church)
Sun.	7/11	8:00 am	Mass (Church)
		10:00 am	Mass (Church) or Watch Live on Facebook

Pre Cana is offered online by the Archdiocese of Chicago. We will resume Pre Cana at our parish this fall.

Baptismal Preparation Class is offered the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in church. Sign up on our website. Our next class will be on July 12.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

WELCOMED IN BAPTISM

Nolan Raymond, child of William O’Neill and Leah Foertsch

Emiliano Faustino, child of Alexis Lara and Georgina Gonzalez

JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

Daniel John Zoltowski and Laura Ann Hedrick

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Julia Devetski, Theresa Hester, Mary Louise Koehl, Margie Perzynski

WHO’S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners Victor & Jennifer Pioli and Family. You will receive our Welcome Kit in the mail. New to the neighborhood? Please register through our website at www.stjosaphatparish.org

SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are now publishing year-to-date (vs. weekly) Sunday Giving numbers.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH MAY 13, 2021

Budget.....	\$578,218.17
Actuals.....	\$598,304.83
Difference.....	\$20,086.66

DO YOU NEED TO TALK?

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you’d like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312.948.6951 Monday–Friday from 8:30 am–4:30 pm. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

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