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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14, 2024

First Reading

Amos 7:12–15

Responsorial

Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14

**Lord, let us see your
kindness, and grant us
your salvation.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–14

Gospel Mark 6:7–13



<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071424.cfm>

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July 21, 2024

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Responsorial

Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6

**The Lord is my
shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13–18

Gospel Mark 6:30–34



<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072124.cfm>

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



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Fr. Carlos Rodriguez, Dcn. Pat Casey,

Nathan Johnson, Georgia Burke, Sue Fedea

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. Sign up on our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass on Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 pm, during Holy Hour on Tuesdays from 7–8 pm, or by appointment.

BULLETIN

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

JOSAFAST

Our weekly email is sent every Thursday around 5 pm. Sign up online or contact the Parish Office if you'd like to receive it.

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.

HANDS OF MERCY MINISTRIES

Contact Coordinators Kelly Smith, kellytheresesmith@gmail.com vor Jean Bystedt, jean@jbystedt.com

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

EMERGENCIES

Call anytime.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9 am–5 pm, Fridays 9 am–12 Noon. Closed Saturday & Sunday.

TROUBLE HEARING IN CHURCH?

We are pleased to offer assisted listening, using your smartphone or wifi-enabled device:

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FROM OUR PASTOR

One year has passed since I was blessed to take on the responsibility of shepherding this community of faith, and I now find myself reflecting on what has gone well, as well as areas in which we can improve going forward.

What has gone well:

The church, rectory and school are still standing. The Facilities and Finance Committees along with key staff members (Tina and Christine) have helped us navigate a number of mini-crises that concerned our physical plant without putting us back in debt. They have also managed to map out a number of projects going forward to address other pressing concerns, then maintain what we have, without putting us back in debt (fingers crossed).

Our offering of Alpha was able to continue even after Sean's departure, thanks to the generosity of time, talent and treasure of Todd Frech and the rest of the Alpha team and volunteers. My sincerest gratitude to all of you. Our school is doing well and continues to thrive under the leadership of Dr. Mullens and her wonderful staff and teachers. Our youth ministry program continues to grow and expand under the leadership of Nathan Johnson. And our Hands of Mercy programs continue to show growth in service thanks to Judy, Jean and all the volunteers and leaders that put so much of their time and effort into helping others. I cannot forget our liturgy team and staff, who make my work of offering the sacraments to you all the more easier. And all the parish staff here that do so much behind the scenes. What we do not see, God notices and rewards. Finally, I am so grateful to the Archdiocese and our Cardinal, for trusting us as a parish to help form a newly ordained priest. Welcome Fr. Nyberg, and thank you for your "yes" to serving Christ and his Church.

Where can we improve:

Let's be less passive...I invite more volunteerism in our parish overall, most especially in our liturgical ministries. It would really benefit our church to have a variety of people reading at Masses and greeting people at the doors. If you can't volunteer, I encourage each of you to more actively participate in responding and singing at our services. If we don't, we run the risk of newcomers not experiencing a vibrant worship community that they want to join. Finally, and most importantly, invite friends to come to church with you. Many studies have shown that it is the personal invitation of people to come to worship with them that has helped many start participating in their faith again. Your personal invitation is extremely important.

There is much more that can be commented on, but for now that is what stands out the most. Know of my continued thoughts for you and your family. May all of us enjoy a restful summer, so we will start the upcoming school year as enlivened as the first day we all came to know and love St. Josaphat Parish.

PAX,



FYI: We are now offering mass on Thursday mornings as well. So feel free to stop in and lay your burden down at the altar of God any day during the week.



WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

LECTORS

Lectors read the 1st and 2nd Readings, as well as petitions and announcements. If you have a clear speaking voice and a desire to proclaim the Word, please join us!

GREETERS

Greeters manage the flow of congregants as they enter the church, answer questions, take up collections during Mass and above all... make parishioners feel welcomed!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers distribute Communion, sharing Jesus with others in a non-speaking role.

Read about all these and more on our parish website under Serve > Liturgical Ministries. Contact the Parish Office or email Jim at jim.mac1596@icloud.com to get started!

REFLECTING ON SCRIPTURE

JULY 14, 2024 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST: Am 7:12–15 2ND: Eph 1:3–14 GOSPEL: Mk 6:7–13

Many of us have heard the term “helicopter parent” describing an overprotective approach to parenting, where the parent hovers like a helicopter getting overly involved in all the aspects of their child’s life. Jesus was not a parent to his disciples, rather their rabbi, or as we might call him, our teacher and mentor. Jesus was definitely not a “helicopter rabbi.” A “helicopter” approach can cause a sense of entitlement, increased anxiety and undeveloped life skills, which Jesus definitely did not want his disciples to have. To combat entitlement, Jesus had them rely fully on God to provide—sending them without tools, supplies and clothing. He made them learn to cope with anxiety dealing with rejection. He made them learn spiritual life skills being sent to serve in ministry without him by their side.

The Gospel that the disciples went to preach is not a prosperity Gospel, where we are coddled, told everything will be ok and we’ll always get what we want. If you hear that or want that, the tough truth is that it is not biblical. A mature faith must be willing to venture out with us into the challenges, struggles and suffering that are the realities of human life. I can imagine that the disciples

were greatly challenged by this mission. They probably talked with Jesus at length about their worries, fears and doubts. Like a supportive parent, Jesus probably had to reassure them and remind them that some day they would need to do this without him by their side. That’s why they have to go try it now when they can come back, feel his support, and get feedback to learn for the future.

It is important that we have this relational faith like the disciples. We need to be able to be honest with Jesus about our fears and doubts, but also trust when our faith calls us out of our comfort zone, to prioritize God in our life over other things, and even when we are called to repentance. We come to Mass each week to hear from Jesus, be sent out when “the Mass has ended” to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” then return to Jesus the next week for support and feedback. Be honest, accept the call to venture out, and always lean on Him.

— Nathan Johnson, Director of Lifelong Formation



JULY 21, 2024 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST: Jer 23:1–6 2ND: Eph 2:13–18 GOSPEL: Mk 6:30–34

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” (Mark 6:31)

Jesus shows His disciples that following Him is about much more than doing things—accomplishing goals and achieving objectives in the world. Jesus had just sent his disciples out two by two, to begin spreading the Good News of the Kingdom. The disciples shared what they had seen and heard with Jesus, but there was so much more for them to receive. Jesus calls them back to rest, to simply be with Him and spend time with Him.

This simple human invitation on the Lord’s part reveals that, before anything else, discipleship is about friendship with Jesus, spending time with Him and getting to know Him. Before we can spread the good news about who He is and what He’s done, we have to encounter Him in our lives.

This happens first and foremost in prayer and the sacraments. In offering ourselves with Him at Mass

and receiving His body and blood, in receiving His mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation, and in spending some time each day to pray in silence with Him—with Scripture, the events of our day, and the interior movements of our hearts—we come to experience who Jesus is and how he desires to relate to us in the concreteness of our daily lives. He gives us these privileged places of grace, not as tedious burdens or boxes we need to check off, but as places of rest, places where we can be renewed in the truth of our identity as His beloved daughters and sons.

Jesus commissioned us to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28: 19); but we can’t give what we don’t have. We can’t tell people about a person we haven’t gotten to know ourselves. He invites each of us to rest with Him this week and to be strengthened in our knowledge of His love.

— Fr. Martin Nyberg



SAVE THE DATE FOR JOSAFEST!

Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15

JOSAFEST NEEDS YOU!

Are you creative? Since we cannot rent inflatables (AKA bouncy houses) for JosaFEST, we are looking for someone with creative ideas for **kids' activities** to work with the Kids' Activities coordinator. There is a budget!

We also need someone to help with **ticket sales and sponsorships**. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on Fridays throughout summer. Our summer office hours are: Monday–Thursday 9 am–5 pm, Fridays 9 am–12 Noon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDDINGS

Wedding season is upon us! If you love weddings and love our church, would you consider volunteering a few hours as a wedding coordinator? Help make things easier on families and officiants at a rehearsal and on the big day. Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

OUR MISSION

Be Disciples, Make Disciples!

We bring people into closer relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith by sharing the Good News through prayer, evangelization, service, liturgy and the sacraments.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MADONNA MISSION

The Madonna Mission was the recipient of St. Josaphat's \$10,000 Unity Award this year. Madonna Mission provides education and resettlement support programs for refugee individuals and their families in Rogers Park. You are invited to attend an **open house on July 16 or July 23** to learn more about the wonderful work they are doing.

For refugee families, the inability to read, write and speak English can often make simple, daily tasks feel insurmountable. Madonna Mission meets the needs of refugees through their core education and support initiatives: English as a Second Language (ESL), After School Program (ASP) and Learning in Action (LIA). These programs close the learning and achievement gap, promoting confidence, capability and a successful transition into American life. All of the programs are free of charge.



Please join us for an
OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, July 16th or Tuesday, July 23rd
stop by anytime

between 11am - 1pm

Madonna Mission

1706 W. Morse, Chicago, IL 60626

RSVP: Lisa@madonnamission.com

or 312-593-2643

HANDS OF MERCY - OUTREACH

UNDERSERVED SCHOOLS

Please help us plan our involvement with the Academy of St. Benedict the African in the Englewood neighborhood as part of our Hands of Mercy - Underserved Schools Ministry. We are entering into a partnership with this Big Shoulders Catholic school of over 250 Black students, and are working with their principal, Mrs. Jessica Taylor, to determine how to best serve the needs of their school community. If you want to learn more, please contact Christine Frech (christine@frech.org) or Susan McDermott (smlesage@gmail.com). We will set up a Zoom meeting convenient to all interested, to discuss some of the projects Mrs. Taylor has suggested.



BACKPACK PROJECT - ENDING SOON!

2,300 migrant children will be entering Chicago Public Schools in the fall. You can help these children directly by donating backpacks and school supplies (see below). We'll be collecting in the back of church **through Sunday, July 28**. Thank you for your generosity.

Back to School Backpack Project

To prepare the 2300 school age children in Chicago's shelters for the coming school year

The Timeline
We will be collecting donations the weekend of May 4th through the weekend of July 28th. Simply place any of the below new items (gently used backpacks are okay) in the baskets in the back of church.

Needed Items

backpacks	index cards	colored pencils
rulers	post-its	washable markers
protractors	erasers	ballpoint pens
loose leaf paper	pencil cases	highlighters
plastic folders	notebooks	crayons
three-ring binders		#2 pencils
calculators		blunt-tipped scissors
glue/glue sticks		combination locks

Questions?
Contact Judy Lovero
judylovero@gmail.com

Backpack Assembly
We will assemble the backpacks on August 10th at the IC Parish Hall (1431 N North Park Ave) in order for them to be distributed by school's start!

A CHURCH TO COME HOME TO

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY.....JULY 15

8:00 am † Celeste Basile

TUESDAY.....JULY 16

8:00 am † Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY.....JULY 17

8:00 am Anand Koyani

FRIDAY.....JULY 19

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

SATURDAY.....JULY 20

5:00 pm † The Sedzielasz Family

SUNDAY.....JULY 21

8:00 am † Sue Scully

10:00 am For the health of Mary Bitterman

MONDAY.....JULY 22

8:00 am † Purgatorial Society

TUESDAY.....JULY 23

8:00 am † Findlay Austin

WEDNESDAY.....JULY 24

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

FRIDAY.....JULY 26

8:00 am Living and Deceased Mothers and Fathers

SATURDAY.....JULY 27

5:00 pm For an increase in vocations to the Franciscans of the Eucharist

SUNDAY.....JULY 28

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

10:00 am For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage in our diocese and parish

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Weekday Masses	8:00 am	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (Church)
Tues. 7/16	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer (Church)
Wed. 7/17	6:00 pm	Liturgy Committee (Red Door Room)
Sat. 7/20	4:15 pm	Reconciliation (Church)
	5:00 pm	Mass, Fr. Carlos (Church)
Sun. 7/21	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Martin (Church)
	10:00 am	Mass, Fr. Carlos (Church)
Tues. 7/23	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer (Church)
Sat. 7/27	4:15 pm	Reconciliation (Church)
	5:00 pm	Mass, Fr. Carlos (Church)
Sun. 7/28	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Grassi (Church)
	10:00 am	Mass, Fr. Martin (Church)

NEXT

Baptismal Prep

Mon. 8/12 7:00 pm (Church)

Pre Cana

Sat. 10/26 10:00 am (Red Door Room)

Sign up online.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

WELCOMED IN BAPTISM

Killian Robert, child of Robert Schaus and Bridget Bredemann

Lila Grace, child of Daniel Zoltowski and Laura Hedrick

JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

*Jacob Lestan and Olivia Gordon
William Vaughan and Shannon Kelly*

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

*Fr. Dominic Grassi, Eric Casey,
Judith Lauth Casey, Karen Kebisek,
Maria Jose de Freitas Zanvettor,
Theresa and Leonard Hester,
David Scott, Ginger F, Ruth Smat,
Mary Bitterman, Jenna Dreixler,
Leonore Thomalla, Rizelle Capito,
Jeana Landando-Harris,
Gene Konradi, William Witkowski*

REST IN PEACE

†Findlay Austin

SUNDAY OFFERING

Fiscal Year 2024
through May 31, 2024

Budget.....	\$643,813.05
Actuals.....	\$648,521.93
Surplus.....	\$4,708.88

WHO'S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners The Goodwin Family, Alexandra Chapman, The Dyer Family. You will receive our Welcome Kit in the mail.

If you are new to the neighborhood, please register through our website at www.stjosaphatparish.org.



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