

July 4, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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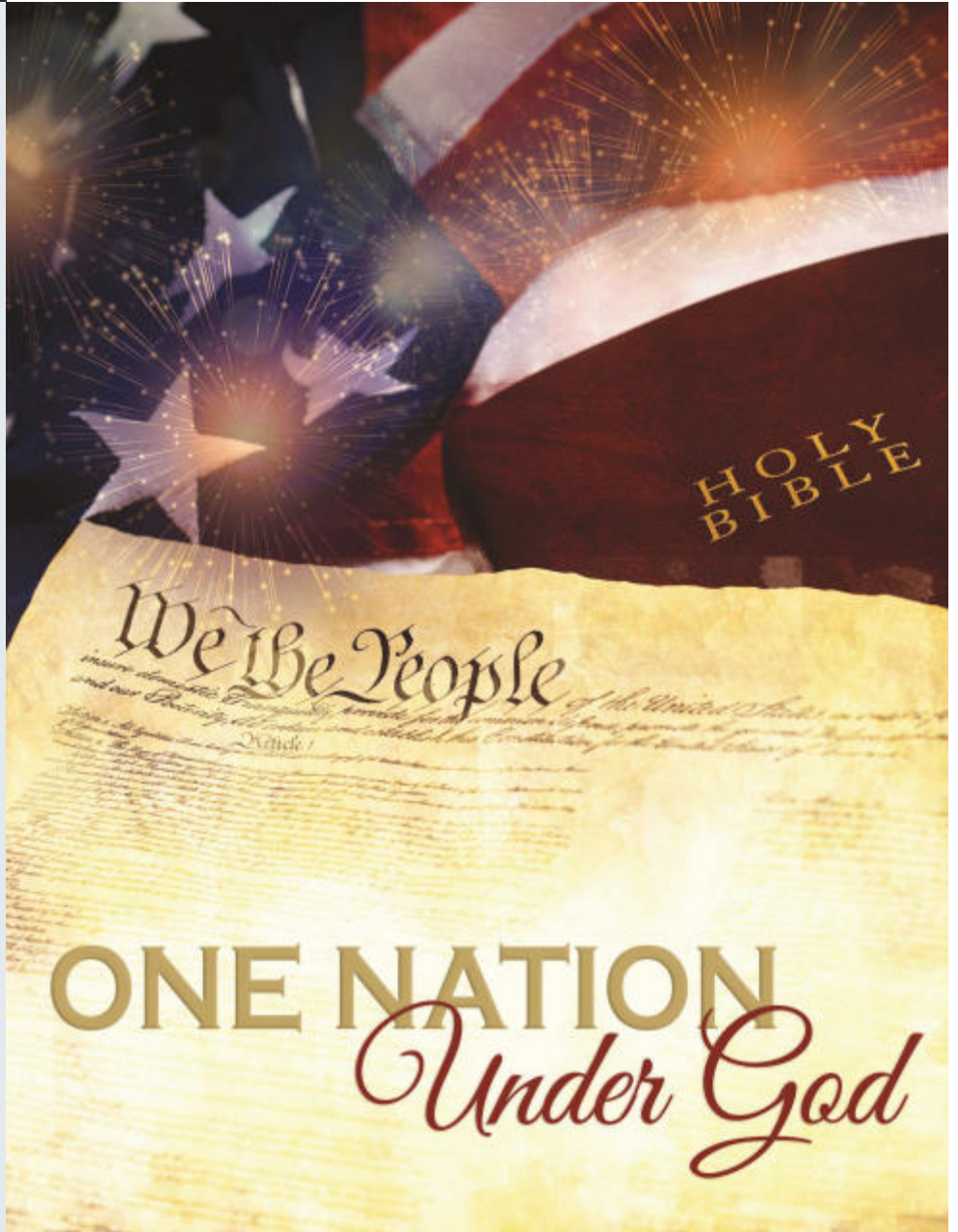
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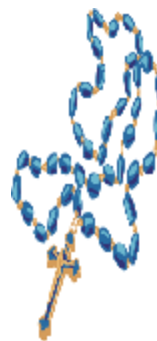
Dear Parishioners,

Each of us is chosen, called and sent by God. Our readings make it clear that this is the case. In the first reading Amos was chosen and called by God to, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." He had to leave the life that he knew, his family and friends and his livelihood as shepherd of sheep and dresser of sycamore trees to follow God's calling. And, even though he wasn't trained as a prophet, and it wasn't easy, he went. In the Gospel the Twelve Apostles were chosen from Jesus out of hundreds of his followers. He then sent the twelve to proclaim his Gospel message. Notice, these twelve weren't the brightest, but they were willing to go. They were open to the calling and Our Lord could work through them. In the 2nd reading St. Paul explains how, "He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, to be holy..." Primarily God calls us to be holy. That reminds me of a poem about a student in college. The student had his Jesus in a bottle so that he could take Him out when it was convenient and then put him back in the bottle when it was inconvenient. It doesn't work that way. We have to be all in. That's an important part of being holy and living a life of holiness that Our Lord calls us to. It is not something we do only when convenient, but always. Now, God also calls us like he called Amos and the Apostles. Will it always be easy? No. It wasn't easy for me when I left my job at Motorola, gave up my salary, gave my car to my sister and had a couple friends drive me 12 hours away all the way out to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD to begin seminary. But, I trusted and what happened was a real sense of peace came over me. That is the sign we are looking for. That sense of peace will come over you when the calling you receive is authentically from God. And, when we have that peace, that is an indication for us to persevere in our response to that call. What is God calling you to? Let Him speak to you in your prayer and listen. For some non-catholics who are married to a Catholic in our parish, maybe God is asking you to join RCIA and this next Easter become Catholic. For the young single men in our parish, maybe God is calling you to be a priest. For our young single women, it is possible God is calling some of you to be religious sisters. For everyone in our parish, maybe God is calling you to make a Cursillo Retreat. For our married parishioners it is a real possibility that God is calling you to go on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Maybe God is calling you to sign up for the two-year Ministry formation program for our diocese. Maybe God is calling you to get more involved in the parish. Maybe God is calling you to sign up for a Holy Hour in our parish. What is God calling you to? Whatever it is, make it a priority do it and to follow him.

God Bless,
Fr. Butler



SUNDAY, JULY 11
12:30PM-4PM
Lake Holiday-Beach 2
FOOD*BEER*WINE
MARGARITAS*FISHING
MAGICIAN*TREASURE HUNT
ZIPLINE*PLAYGROUND
GAMES*SWIMMING
Slather on your sunblock and put on your best beach outfit! Attendees may bring a dish to share. RSVP requested but not required. Sign up at stjbsom.org or call office at 815-498-2010



ROSARY
RALLY
FOR AMERICA
Saturday, July 10
11AM
At Grotto
All Are Welcome!
Bring Lawn chairs



Fr. Butler's pilgrimage to the Holy Land that was scheduled in January, 2021 has been rescheduled to November 8-18, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinariness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.



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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week
are a special intention for:

Bill Reese

Req by Don & Marilyn Ciesielski



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New Members

We welcome the following new
parishioners to our faith community:
**Eric and Stephanie Snider
Porter and Clara**



We pray for ...

Erwin Wittke

...That he may now enjoy the great
blessings of eternal life. We pray
for his family and friends, that they
may find peace in the promises of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 5-11 2021

Monday 8:00 am Harriet Fanchi
Req by JoEllen San Paulo

Tuesday 8:00 am Nathan Sidwell
Req by Mary Sidwell

Wednesday 8:00 am Dave Frieders
Req by Joan Frieders

Thursday 8:00 am Beverly Durancik
Req by Chuck & Sandy
Durancik

Friday 8:00 am Don & Jean Wegener
Req by Pat Herrmann

Saturday 5:00 pm Frances Donato
Req by Connie Kauffman

Sunday 8:00am Pro Populo
11:00am Joslyn Statkus
Req by Chuck & Sandy
Durancik

LITURGICAL ROLES

July 10-11, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

July 10-11, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

JULY USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, July 5, 2021

Independence Day-Office Closed

TUESDAY, July 6, 2021

St. Vincent DePaul 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, July 7, 2021

Followers of the Truth 8:45 am

*Pizza Party for Middle Grade
And High School Kids* 5:00 pm

FRIDAY, July 9, 2021

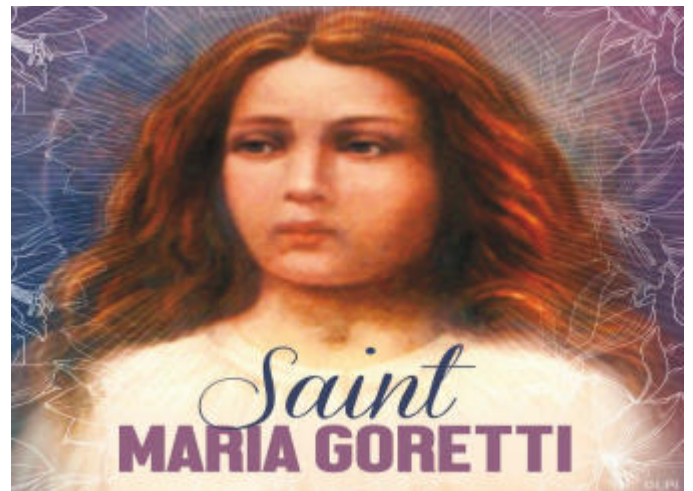
Rosary at Grotto 8:30 am

SATURDAY, July 10, 2021

Rosary Rally for America 11:00 am

SUNDAY, July 11, 2021

*Church Picnic-Lake Holiday
Beach 2* 12:30-4:00pm



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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