

July 4, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Masses 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:30 am

Weekday Communion Services:

Wed 8:30 am

Confession: Please contact the rectory to schedule.

Weddings: Contact rectory at least 6 months in advance.

Baptisms: Sundays at 12:00 noon. Contact rectory.

House Blessings: Call rectory to schedule.

New Parishioners: Please call or visit rectory to register. Welcome to the neighborhood!



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2



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Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Delivery by 3:30 pm

3 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPLY 25 BROWN BAG MEALS EACH (SANDWICH, CHIP, FRUIT, WATERBOTTLE) PLEASE DELIVER TO THE RECTORY BY 3:30 PM. PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE WATERBOTTLE IN THE BAG

3 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE 25 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED DESSERTS EACH TO BE DELIVERED TO THE RECTORY BY 3:30 PM.

5:30-7:30 PM

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Please sign up to volunteer at ckchicago.org.



Andrew Michael
Bansley,
son of

David & Kelly
Groark Bansley,

was baptized recently
at Christ the King. Welcome!



Rest in Peace

Please pray for Patrick Clancy,
father of Lisa Mulcrone.



**PRAY, PRAY each day
for VOCATIONS**

Christ the King Parish wishes all members of our community a safe and happy Fourth of July! We also celebrate the 85th birthday of our parish! We have much to be thankful for and are so grateful to celebrate with you, our wonderful parishioners!



Gospel Meditation

July 4, 2021 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 ordinary-ness. 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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Live the Liturgy — Inspiration for the Week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

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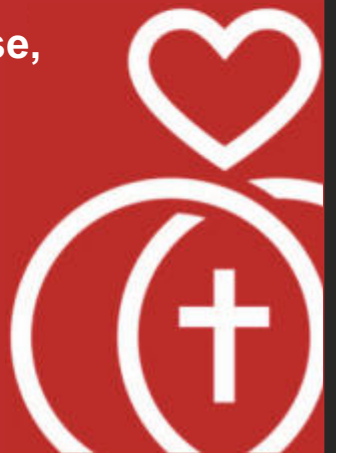
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CK Mass Schedule

Beginning the week of June 14th, our daily Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 8:30 a.m. Mass with Rev. Larry Sullivan

Wednesday – Communion Service at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Mass with Rev. Joe Stobba

We are also pleased to offer a Mass on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. with Rev. Joe Stobba.

Our weekend Mass schedule will remain the same with the following schedule:

Saturday – 5 p.m.

Sunday – 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Ministry Schedule July 10-11	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	Fred Gross	Joan O'Connor	Lisa Franco
Eucharistic Minister	Carmel Roth	Ann Santino	Lisa Franco

On Rejection, and Chanting Beauty

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So... Have I told you about my rejection folder? It's where I put my rejection notices from publishers who aren't interested in my work. It's thick. All of my submissions are electronic these days, and the rejections are sent the same way. They still sting, but not quite as much to me as the paper rejections. The electronic versions seem more ephemeral. The paper versions seem more eternal. Here's one from 1986 that I received from a small press up in Maine in response to my book proposal around my poems and photography:

"Dear John Reynolds: It won't fly...The poems are mostly forced, and not very good...Now, I know you don't want to hear this, but it is the truth..." Sigh. Still, I am reminded of — and comforted by — an old Peanuts strip that shows Snoopy at his mailbox reading the letter he has just received. "Dear Contributor" (at least I got *Dear John Reynolds*). Anyway, "Dear Contributor: Thank you for submitting your paper. We regret that it does not suit our present needs. If it ever does, we're in trouble." Ah, Snoopy. I feel your pain.

So... Have I told you about being fired from my first job out of college after less than two months because I didn't have a corporate personality? Have I told you about being turned down by a girl in college when I asked her to a campus Valentine's Day dance because she wanted to just hang out with her friends that night? Have I told you about being rejected by a bank in Skokie when I applied for my first credit card because I had just started a new job (*with the company I ultimately came to retire from*) and the bank thought I was a bad risk? I could go on, but I hope my point is well-taken: rejection is tough.

Well... God suffers rejection in the first reading, and God knows when commissioning Ezekiel that the prophet will suffer the same ("I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you...") Then the Apostle Paul asks God for relief but gets none ("...a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'")

And Jesus himself suffers rejection when he returns to Nazareth after performing mighty deeds all around ("Where did this man get all this?... Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...?" And they took offense at him"). Emerson was nowhere in sight when all of this was going down, but he could relate nonetheless: "Don't waste yourself in rejection," he says, "nor bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good." Ezekiel keeps prophesying. Paul keeps writing letters. Jesus keeps curing people and taking the nails. What about us? Discipleship is a difficult road, and since it often puts us at odds with the world, rejection looms. "Dear John Reynolds: ...The poems are mostly forced..." Perhaps. I pray, however, that all of us keep chanting the beauty of the good. Ultimately, of course, this is where the Christ is.

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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 4 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Frank & Diane Dlugopolski
11:00 a.m. Barbara Harrigan

Monday, July 5 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal

- 8:30 a.m. Mel & Lillian Schreier & Family

Tuesday, July 6 – St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:30 a.m. The Crot & McFadden Families
Jack & Mary Prendergast

Wednesday, July 7 – Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, July 8 – Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. Patrick Clancy

Friday, July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30 a.m. Helen Costello

Saturday, July 10 – Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. Frank Sullivan
5:00 p.m. Edward O'Donnell

Sunday, July 11 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Ben & Anita Volker
11:00 a.m. Michael Garvey



Remember in Prayer

*We continue to pray for our friends
and family members who are sick...*

Mary Ahern
Al Amschler
Jim Bansley
Antoinette Barone
Delonda Cheney
Allan Dressel
Mike Engle
John H. Heller, Jr.
Gwen Henderson
Ruben Jaurigue
Eva Kelly
Joel Morbito
Dick Murphy
Maureen Murphy
Jack O'Keefe
Audrey Peeples
Mackenzie Polic
Meghan Rodes
Marin Rudich
Ginger Rugai
Rosa Santos
Vicki Slomka
Caitlyn Theis
Marilyn Wohlberg
All Those Suffering from COVID

If you wish to have your name or the name of a
friend or family member placed on this list,
please call the rectory at 773-238-4877, or email
Erin Ross at eross@ckchicago.org.

If you wish the name to be included in the
prayers at the weekend Masses, please let us
know. Thank you.



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Daniel Azzarello, USMC
Patrick Bansley, USMC
1st Lt. Mark Boyle, US Army
1st Lt. Kelly Clark, US Army
Captain William Clarke, USAF
Major Eileen C. Donovan, USMCR
Sgt. Brendan Fassl, US Army
Sgt. Ryan Graber, USMC
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Captain Michael Maurizi, MD,
US Navy/Battalion Surgeon, USMC
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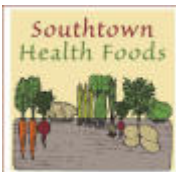
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