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Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 or
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Call the pastor at least six months before the
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Complete the Baptism Registration Form on
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**14th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his
native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:15 am, 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8 am

Reconciliations Saturday 3:30 pm

A recording of the 4:30 Mass will be
posted online every Saturday
by 6 pm

Readings for Sunday, July 4, 2021

Ezekiel 2:2-5

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

Mass Intentions

Mon, July 5 + Christy Huber

Tue, July 6 + Rev. Peter Wittman

Wed, July 7 + Rev. Robert Keane

Fri, July 9

Sat, July 10 + Uncle John Hougnon

Sun, July 11 (9:15) The Parishioners

Sun, July 11 (11) + William Burns

Mass Intentions

Call to have a Mass offered for the
intention of a living or deceased loved
one.

Thank You for Joining Us Today!

Welcome everyone, to St. Mary of the Lake Church.
If you are visiting and looking for a faith community where you can belong, please consider joining us.
St. Mary's is a welcoming community.
To learn more about us, visit www.smplymouth.org, stop by the parish office during the week, or email us at info@smplymouth.org

First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them.
(Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
(Ps 123)

Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:

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We Pray in Resurrection Faith

with David and Mona Smith and family on the death of David's father Donald Smith. May his soul and those of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen



Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Perry Westphal, Lorraine Meyer, L Marilyn Bowers, Diane Kowalzyk, Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fletcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Don Schnack, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, Arnie Kunkel, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Matty Cuta, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Carole Svihel, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

Gospel Meditation

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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Please join PRISM on July 21, any time between 6-8pm, for a drive-thru birthday celebration for PRISM! What started in 1970 as a small, informal effort has evolved into a strong, sustainable organization that is now a leading provider of basic needs services in the northwest Twin Cities suburbs.



Date: Wednesday, July 21

Time: 6-8pm

Where: PRISM, 1220 Zane Ave. N. Golden Valley, MN 55422

Wish PRISM a happy birthday as you pick up an ice cream treat and other fun goodies. Interested in giving PRISM a birthday gift? **Help them reach their goal of collecting 50 bags of food or clothing donations. Kid-friendly foods (peanut butter, granola bars, applesauce) and men's and children's shoes are especially needed.**

The Prophecy of You and Me
Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't. When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking. What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing. All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Ushers Needed!

The Usher Ministry is in need of more male and female volunteers for each of our weekend masses each week. The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, escorting them to seating at select masses, taking up the collection and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Call the parish office to sign up.

The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate. (USCCB.org)

Confirmation classes for those with disabilities, age 16 and over Saturday, August 7 and Saturday, August 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Church of Richard, Richfield

Confirmation classes for those with disabilities will be held August 7 and August 21. Registration forms will be available at 8:30 a.m. prior to the first day of classes. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 19, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Chapel, Saint Paul Seminary. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will officiate. To register contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at the 651.291.4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

The Forgiveness Project

Thursday, July 8 – Sunday, August 8 at St. Joseph Church, New Hope

Read their stories, see their faces, embrace their empathy. The Forgiveness Project provides resources and experiences to help people examine and overcome their own unresolved grievances. The testimonies in the exhibit bear witness to the resilience of the human spirit and act as a powerful antidote to narratives of hate and dehumanization, presenting alternatives to cycles of conflict, violence, crime and injustice. Visit stjosephparish.com/forgive for exhibit and speaker info.

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