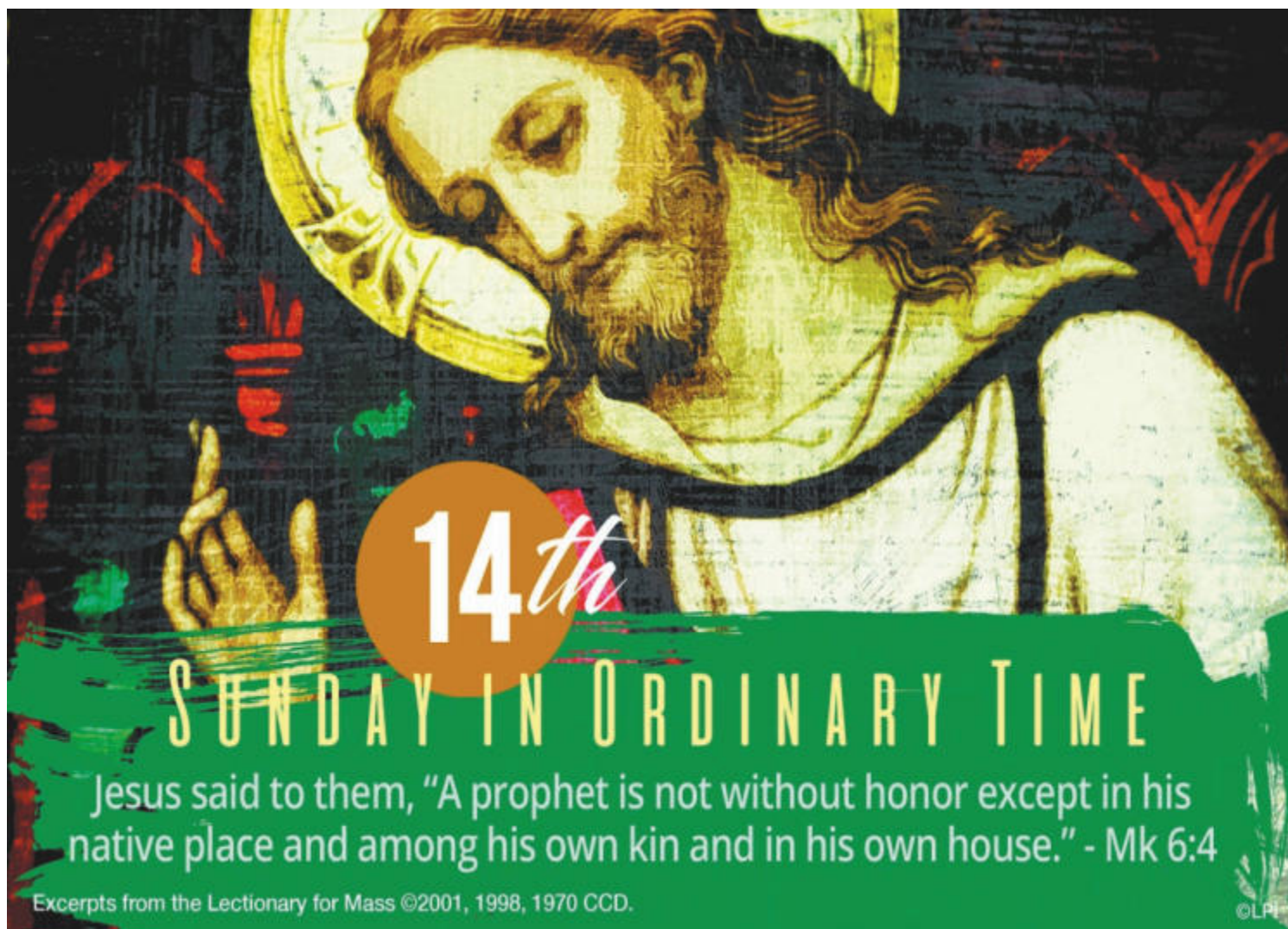




Saint Denis Parish

157 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090



July 4, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
(10:30am Mass live streamed)

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday - 9:00 AM

Baptisms: 1:00 PM Sunday as needed

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Saturday 3

4:30 PM MASS -
Mary Chiariello

Sunday 4

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

8:00 AM MASS -

10:30 AM MASS -
Janet Troiani

Monday 5

9:00 AM MASS

Tuesday 6

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Wednesday 7

9:00 AM MASS

Thursday 8

Friday 9

Saturday 10

4:30 PM MASS -

Sunday 11

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

8:00 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS -
Thomas Conneely



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

COLLECTIONS

June 26/27 - \$2,800.00

Online June 21- 27 - \$1,090.23

LECTOR SCHEDULEJuly 10/11, 2021

Saturday, July 10 | 4:30 p.m. F. O'BRIEN

Sunday, July 11 | 8:00 a.m. J. PATTERSON

Sunday, July 11 | 10:30 a.m. K. VERNACCHIO

OFFICES CLOSED

Both the parish and faith formation offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

There will be 9:00 AM Mass that day.

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments****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

LINK FOR LIVE STREAM MASS

You may go to the following link to watch the Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass:

<https://vimeo.com/event/693318/5fd168d1dc>

**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. BURKE**

You are cordially invited join us for a farewell reception in Fr. Burke's honor.

Date: Saturday, July 17th**Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM****Place: Norfolk Golf Club****166 East Street****Westwood, MA**

Join us for a chance to say goodbye to Fr. Burke and thank him for his years of service to St. Denis.

There will be passed hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Suggested donation: \$20 at the door.

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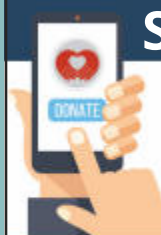
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