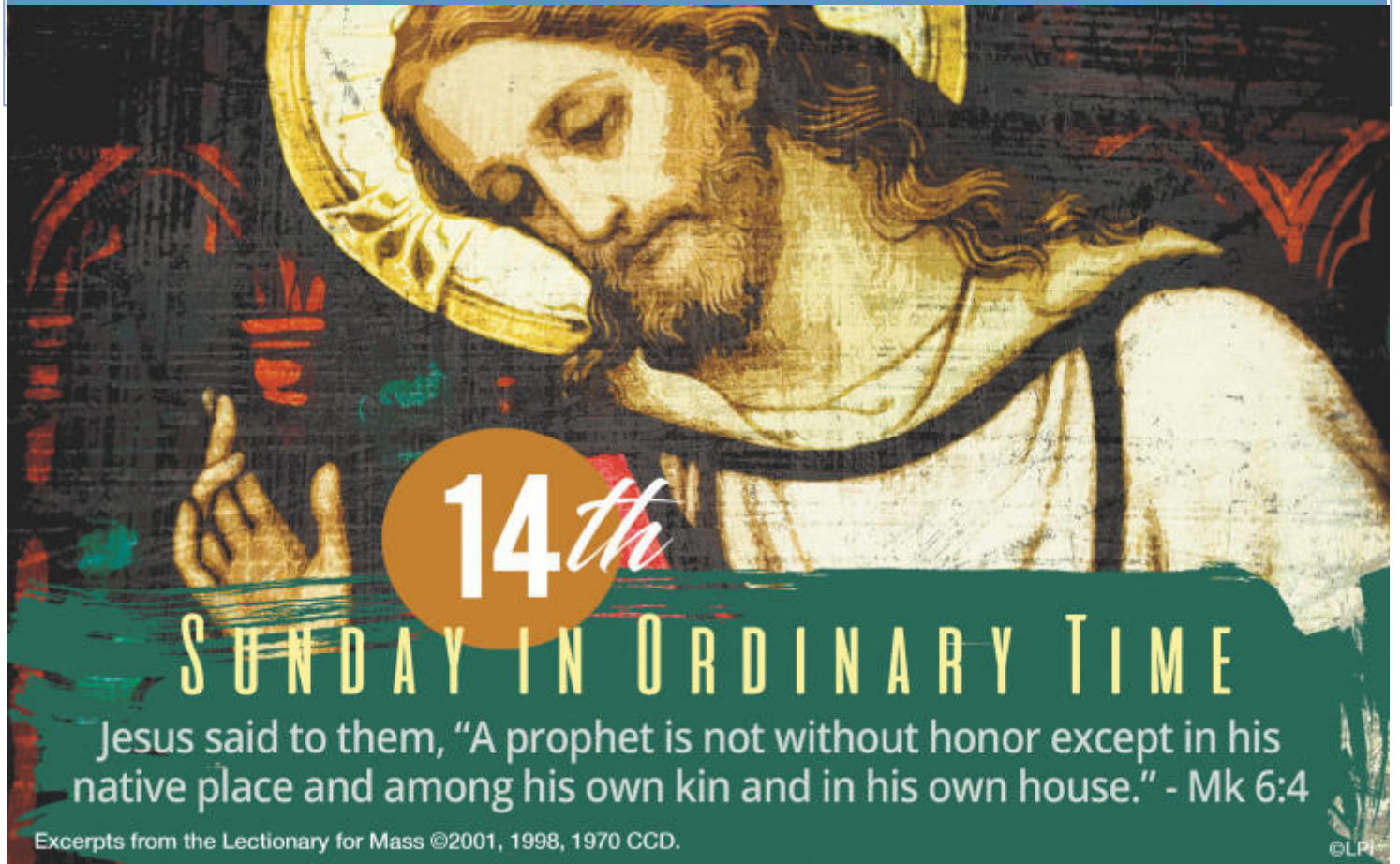


JULY 4 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Thursday 8 am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass times for Holy Days will be announced in the bulletin.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 to 4:45 pm
First Sunday after the 11 am Mass &
By Appointment

*Our eyes
are fixed on
the Lord,
pleading
for His
mercy."*

Psalm 123

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Life, third Thursday of each month & First Friday.

ROSARY

Prayed every 2nd Wednesday.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Call the Parish Office, pick up a form in the Church vestibule or visit our website to join.

BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday. Contact the Parish Office.

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In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them."

Jesus Christ forces Himself on no one. In Him, God purposely limits His omnipotence in order to respect human freedom. He gives countless signs and indications that He is to be trusted, that He is who He says He is, but He refuses to give any evidence that will eliminate the need for trust and faith. He invites; He does not force. He is a Lord who wages His wars by appealing to the heart, by showing love, and by speaking the truth, but if we refuse His advances, He will leave us free to go our own way. He wants followers who are friends, not followers who feel forced to believe.

Jesus' hardest mission field was His own backyard. His own family and neighbors, the people who knew Him best on a strictly human level, rejected Him. (By the way, the "brothers and sisters" mentioned by the evangelist here and elsewhere were not blood siblings – that would contradict the dogma of Mary's perpetual virginity. They were cousins.) If Jesus Himself had such difficulty in bringing His nearest and dearest into the Kingdom, we should not be discouraged if we experience similar resistance from our closest relatives and friends. Even if our hearts suffer when others refuse to follow Christ, we should never give in to frustration or despair. Remember even Jesus didn't convert everyone He tried to.

Jesus was "amazed at their lack of faith," which made it almost impossible for Him to perform any miracles. Sometimes we think that miracles and blessings ought to be given to us to inspire us to believe. The opposite is the case. Christ appeals to us on a personal level, as a friend, inviting us to come and follow Him, to get involved in His life and to let Him get involved in ours. Then, once we have taken a step of faith, a step of trust, He will reward us with signs that confirm our faith and blessings that boost our trust. To demand assurances from God before following God is to treat Christianity like a business, not a friendship, like a contract, not a covenant.

I Believe In You Jesus!

Pray with me: Your love, Jesus, is like a rushing fountain that nothing can stop. Some people will refuse to come and take a drink or will set up dams so the water doesn't reach them, but Your love keeps on flowing. I believe in the power of Your love. Teach me, Lord, to welcome Your love more and more into my life, and to love more and more as You love. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS (LS-live stream)

Saturday/Sunday, July 3/4

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Father Gerard Lair

8:00 AM † Kathryn Van Nest
People of the Parish

9:30 AM Protection of Babies in the
Womb & Their Families (LS)

11:00 AM † John Harmon

Monday, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria

8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti

8:00 AM † Judith Williams

There will be
NO Daily
Mass on July
26 thru July
29 & August
2 thru
August 5.

Wednesday, July 7

8:00 AM † Beatrice Blasi

Thursday, July 8

8:00 AM † Elmer Blasi

Saturday/Sunday, July 10/11

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM † Melissa Burnhauser
People of the Parish

8:00 AM (L) Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons

9:30 AM † Peggy Ballinger (LS)

11:00 AM † Fr. Gerard Lair

"A single Mass offered for the living may be worth more than one thousand celebrated for the same intention after death." ~St. Anselm

- Have a Mass said for your children
- Have a Mass said for your siblings.
- Have a Mass said for your friends

A Mass said for the living can obtain an increase in grace, divine favor, blessings and protection from future evil. (wordpress.com)

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday—Thursday

* Daily Mass, 8 am

Tuesday, June 29

*Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Church Hall

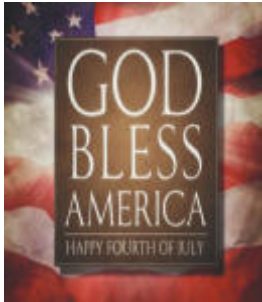
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle.



This week the flame is dedicated :

For peace throughout the U. S. A.

LECTORS Calling all Lectors of St. Joseph Church who would like to return to reading at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning Masses. Decide what week you would like to read and that will continue for the next 3 months. You pick the week, first, second third or fourth, whatever works best for you! Send an email to parishoffice@sjchb.org. Thank you for volunteering at Mass!



On this Independence Day, Oh God, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that our freedom was purchased with a very high price. Our freedom cost others their very lives.

God, today, we ask that you bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies You, O God. Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ. Amen

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, July 5th for the 4th of July holiday.

Pick up a copy of the **LIVING FAITH** booklet in the back of the Church. A lovely gift from the Holy Name Society!

PRAY FOR THE SICK:



Obtain for us, St. Maria Goretti, (feast day July 6) from Our Lord, victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, the grace which we earnestly beg of Thee, and healing to those who are in need of our prayers. May we one day enjoy with Thee the imperishable glory of heaven. Amen.

We pray for: Cathy Bush, William Honachefsky Sr, Vincent Scarponi, Mark Mueller, Riley, Joseph, Donald Tomko, Nate Strunk, Stephanie Hoelper, John Hayth, Michael Tingolie, Lyzah Hennig, Holly, Teresa, Jessica, Mark H., Rich Finn, Frank Drzewiecki, Joey B., Karl Erz Jr. and all those homebound in our parish community.

† We Welcome by Rite of Baptism:
Axel Jean Buck into the One, Holy, Catholic,
Apostolic Church.†

Potluck Dinner Saturday, July 17

Join us for a Potluck Dinner **after** the 5 pm Mass in the Church Hall on **Saturday, July 17**. Email the Parish Office at parishoffice@sjchb.org OR go to our website at www.sjchb.org and fill out the form with your favorite dish, side dish or dessert you will be making! This gathering is hosted by Deacon Tom and Deacon Steve.



Let's enjoy great food & friendship.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES The food will be collected on **July 17 & 18**.

The food pantry is in need of: decaffeinated coffee, apple juice, pea, vegetable and lentil soups, canned spinach, unsweetened cereal, 5lb bags of sugar, unsweetened cereal, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, tissues, dish detergent.

Over **2,032 lbs.** of groceries were donated between July 2020-May 2021. The Open Cupboard Pantry is very grateful for your generosity!



MEN'S RETREAT & FELLOWSHIP

"A Call To an Increase of Faith"

If you are interested in renewing your faith, join the Knights of Columbus, Council #10627 on **Saturday, July 10 from 1 pm to 7 pm**. Check out our website for more information!

RSVP to Andrew@maiinsulation.com or call 973-417-3429.



K-CLUB NEWS The 19th weekly winner is will be announced next week.

The big week, week #20, is only 1 week away!!! 10 lucky winners will be chosen. *Good luck.* As always thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus.

K of C FAMILY WEEK COOKOUT

Come to the Knights of Columbus Family Week Cookout on **Saturday, August 7**, after the 5 pm Mass, behind the Church. All parishioners & council members are invited.



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