

Saint Jerome Catholic Church

July 4, 2021



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Mass Schedule

- ◆ Monday-Friday 8am
- ◆ Saturday vigil 4:30pm
- ◆ Sunday 8:30am,
10:30am, 12:30pm
(Nigerian Community)
- ◆ Holy Days as announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3pm to 3:50pm in the Gold
Room, sign up via Flock-
note



JOSHUA 24:15

Updated Guidelines Related to Covid-19 Restrictions

Churches and most venues in the District of Columbia and all five Maryland counties in the Archdiocese are now no longer subject to governmental capacity or social distancing limits given the dramatically decreased level of coronavirus in the community following increasing numbers of vaccinated persons. Masks will not be required in any jurisdiction of any person inside churches or most other venues as of 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 28. Masks are recommended, but not required, for unvaccinated persons inside churches. Masks are still required in all jurisdictions for all persons in schools and childcare facilities.

At St. Jerome, the section in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be reserved for those who need to maintain the 6 foot social distance (i.e. the immunocompromised). Orange cones will continue to block every other pew in that section.

For those who are nervous about returning to Church, Fr. Scott suggests attending the 4:30 vigil mass or the 8:00 am Sunday Mass. There are about 90 pews in the church. About 50 people have been attending the vigil Mass and 120 have been attending the 8:00 am Sunday Mass.

For those who prefer to receive communion on the tongue, please continue to use the communion station in front of the Blessed Mother.

Confessions in the Gold Room on Saturday from 3:00 to 3:50 pm. Please use the Gallatin Street entrance. Please wait outside for your time. Sign up from the link in Flocknote or type this in your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545ada82ca6fe3-saturday3>

The Air Conditioning System in the Church is being replaced. It is more complicated than expected as major parts need to be built. If everything goes as planned, it will be operating by the end of July or beginning of August. In the meantime, six temporary units have been installed in the Church. They will help, but won't be able to do as much as the central system.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

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:

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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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

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

Observances for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

For the week of July 4

Sunday:

8:30 - Angela Ball

10:30 - George D. Wilson, Jr.

Monday:

Jay and Cardyne Mokar

Tuesday:

Christine King and CJ Finelli

Wednesday:

James William Massey

Thursday:

Nettie M. Dock

Friday:

Gertrude A. Spencers

Saturday:

Regina Coakley

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. ©LPi

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. ©LPi

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