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A Unified Catholic Community



July 4, 2021

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 pm | Holy Redeemer

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00 am | St. James the Less

10:00 am | Holy Redeemer

4:00 pm | Holy Redeemer

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00AM | HOLY REDEEMER

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS 8am | St. James

MONDAYS 7pm | Holy Redeemer

ADORATION

MONDAYS

7-8pm | Holy Redeemer

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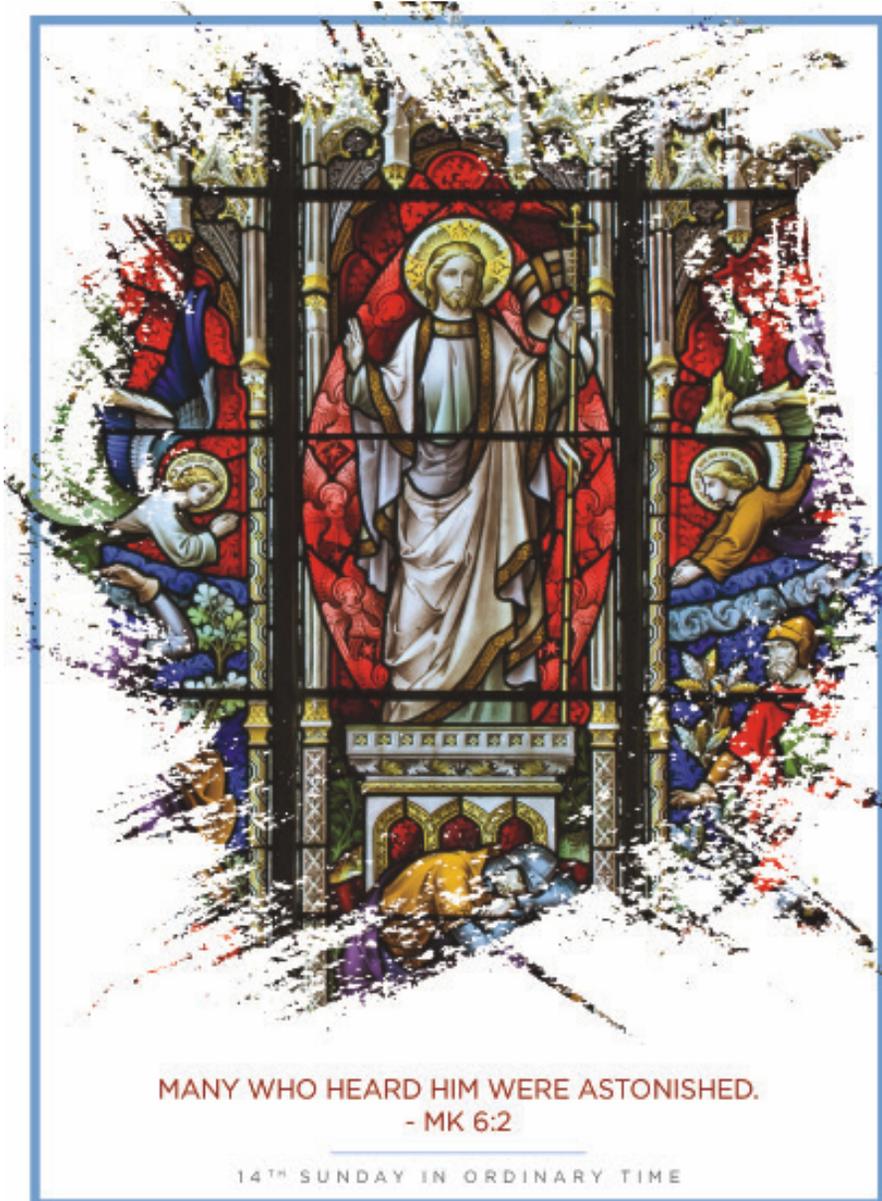
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MANY WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED.
- MK 6:2

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Sharing Faith, Celebrating Traditions and
Serving Each Other to the
Praise and Glory of God.*



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Catholic Community of Holy Redeemer-St. James. Our parish is a place to grow, to put faith in action, and to use our gifts of time, treasure and talent as disciples of Christ. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

As we reflect on today's celebrations with our church family our friends and relatives, our hope is that we have experienced Jesus alive in us.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the:

- First Saturday at 10:00 am at HR
- Third Saturday at 10:00 am at SJ

Please call the parish office or contact Sister Karen: srkaren@hr-sj.org

MATRIMONY

Please contact the parish office upon engagement or at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to prepare for the celebration of this joyous Sacrament!

HOLY COMMUNION

The two year preparation for children who have attained the age of reason (6 years) is done through our Religious Education program or through the parish school. For adults, preparation is done through our parish RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation). For enrollment in either program, please contact the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, Trish Swords at drehrs@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION

Our two year parish confirmation program for high school youth is called "Sealed". To register or for more information, please visit hrsjlifeteen.com

For adults over 18 years of age, confirmation preparation is done through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) program. Please contact the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, Trish Swords at drehrs@gmail.com, for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office if you would like to have a priest visit and anoint a sick loved one.

HOLY ORDERS OR RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Anyone interested in a religious life as a priest, deacon or sister, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with Sr. Karen.

IF YOU SHOULD EXPERIENCE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

We know this a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is there for you. If your loved one has passed or if you feel you will be in need, please call the parish office. Our Bereavement Ministers will assist in making arrangements with your chosen funeral directors and offer you helpful guidance that will aid in the Liturgical planning of the Mass or Memorial service.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive Communion. We will make arrangements for a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick to visit.



TODAY'S READINGS

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 10:24-3

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF



SUNDAY, July 4

8:00 AM Theresa Pennie +
10:00 AM Edmund Francis Fee +
Jacqueline Townes (Intentions)
4:00 PM Michelle Long +

MONDAY, July 5

8:00 AM Holy Souls

TUESDAY, July 6

8:00 AM Ben & John Dominic (Intentions)
Rosa & Frank Titus +

WEDNESDAY, July 7

8:00 AM Angela Lopez +

THURSDAY, July 8

8:00 AM Taix family (intentions)

FRIDAY, July 9

8:00 AM Art & Betty Kelly +

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS...



William & Irene McAndrew,
Ron McCloud, Dolores
Maggipinto, Vito Maggipinto,
Jorge Gonzalez, Emma Eday, Alicia
Yale, Sharon Le Berthon, Janet Keene,
Trudy Lousen, Margaret Gibbons, Jim
Le Berthon, Renee Meyerson, Roxanne
Martin, Maryanne Moses, Patricia Ryan,
Dominic Lingua, Thomas Hansen, Gary
Lucero, Christopher Kramer, Harmon
Jones, Rudolph Casillas, Regis Coyle,
Bob Spsychalsky, Maria Esparza, Donna
Spaziano, Bernie Sullivan, William Mulvoy,
Andrew Clark, Veronica Ford, Travis
Winsor, Kevin Tiqui, Kaarel Tanner, Andre
Hernandez, Linda Lim, Marecil Lim,
Madeline Doctors, Diana Nunoz, Diosdado
Enriquez, Lydia Alaoria, Mary Collings
, Kathy Garcia, Amelia Puno, Cory Luick
and Melanie Salinas.

A GOSPEL REFLECTION BY SR. KAREN COLLIER

In the readings this week, Jesus reminds us that a prophet is never welcomed in his native land or city. The people thought they knew him, who his relatives were, and therefore what he was thinking. Have you ever had that experience, especially with family? Jesus is trying to tell us to depend on God when it comes to difficult decisions. I know that when I resist looking at my life with fresh eyes, that resistance is the result of my unwillingness to change my way of being because I've grown comfortable. I was in my last parish for 14 yrs. and grew comfortable. I thought I knew how people thought and was tempted to make decisions based on that. I had good people around me who challenged me not to be complacent and to look deeper and wider.

I think Jesus is calling us to this also. We have just come out of a very difficult time where we grew complacent with the rules and regulations. Now we are being challenged. Can we make the changes God is calling us to make in our parish? Can we look deeper into who God is asking us to become? Can I stretch myself and maybe do a ministry I have been thinking of, or join a group my soul is longing for but I have been afraid? I think God is calling each of us to look deeper into our soul's and hearts and take that leap or step to stretch our hearts and souls. Imagine what a parish we would be if we could all listen and respond to Jesus today.

Have a blessed week,

Sr. Karen Collier, SSL



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

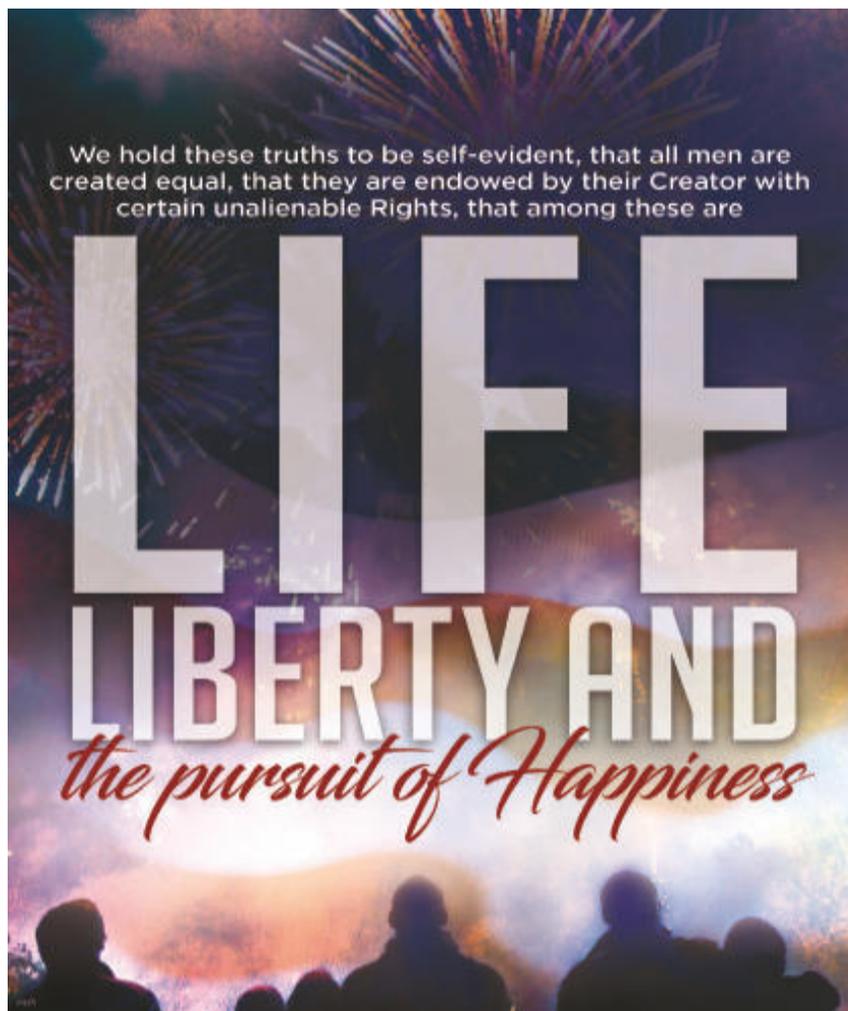
Question:

Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer:

Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two! ©LPi



*GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,
LET YOUR SPIRIT BE WITH US TODAY.
HEAR OUR PRAYERS, AND INCREASE
IN US THE WILL TO FOLLOW YOUR
SON JESUS. HELP US TO DRAW ON
THE RESOURCES OF OUR FAITH AS
WE USE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR
DEMOCRACY TO SHAPE A SOCIETY
MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE LIFE,
DIGNITY, AND RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN
PERSON, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND
VULNERABLE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO
LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE
UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD
FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN.*



We are pleased to announce these updates on Liturgical Guidelines from the Archdiocese

Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals outdoors or indoors for religious services. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals.

Masks are required for all volunteers if they are working in the church during Mass. This would include liturgical ministers.

The areas in the rear of the church will continue to have social distancing roping off for those who feel more comfortable sitting at least three feet between family units.

Holy Communion will be offered in the form of bread. Communion in the hand is strongly encouraged.

Liturgical processions may resume at their proper times.

All liturgical celebrations are allowed to take place indoors without capacity limitations, social distancing and prearranged reservation systems.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days in response to the coronavirus pandemic has been lifted for Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Those who have serious and legitimate reasons are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

At this time, we will no longer be offering drive through communion at Holy Redeemer or St. James the Less.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLINE MASS continues every Sunday 8:30am on Facebook @hrsjparish or YouTube "HRSJ Catholic"



Getting ready for the Fall!

FAMILIES OF FAITH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are so pleased to bring a hybrid religious education program to the Holy Redeemer - St. James Community! Meeting in person one Sunday a month and online for two Sundays gives our families the flexibility they need in their lives while keeping faith formation a priority. Visit <https://www.hrsjcatholic.com/youth-faith-formation> for registration and calendar information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will be celebrating Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday morning Mass at St. James beginning in September. All children are welcome to be a part of the dismissal to hear the readings and learn the Gospel message through the guidance of one of our catechists. No registration needed.

YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

EDGE Middle School Ministry, our Sealed Confirmation program and Life Nights for high school teens will all resume in the Fall. Visit hrsjlifeteen.com for registration and calendar information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

All adults interested in hearing more about the Catholic faith, exploring the wonders of the Sacraments or baptized adults wanting to complete the Sacraments of Initiation with either Holy Communion and/or Confirmation are welcome to come to an RCIA session. These sessions will begin in late September and are led by a team of adults ready to answer all your questions and welcome you into the Catholic Church! Email Trish at drehrsj@gmail.com for meeting dates and information.





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Stewardship, a disciple's response....

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Know, Love, and Serve Jesus Christ

The meaning of stewardship is articulated clearly in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response." Three convictions run throughout the letter, in which the writers label them as **challenge, choice, and vision**. We are **challenged** to develop a mature faith in ourselves, where we respond to the call of Jesus Christ without counting the cost. We then must make a **choice** to live out this faith 24/7. Enough of us living in this manner can transform our Church and the world around us. That is the **vision** of stewardship.

If we believe that all comes from God as gift and that we are to cultivate it and return it with increase to God, then we mean ALL. When we talk about gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we often focus too heavily on that which we offer to our parish community or favorite charities. But ALL means ALL. The time Mario, Shannon, Rosa, Vivian, and Tied spend at the parish working with children and teens in faith formation classes is very important, but so is the time they spend at home alone in the quiet. Teresa, Nick, Rosemary, Bruce, and Shelia share their talent as Liturgical Ministers is definitely good stewardship, but so is the making of a sandwich for a child's lunch. The money we take out of our wallets and place in the collection basket belongs to God, but so does the rest of the money that goes back into our pockets.

When we begin to understand that our lives are permeated with all the gifts God has given us, then we can begin to be mindful of God in all our circumstances. Suddenly, God is with us at every turn and we have the opportunity to be good stewards throughout the entire day. ***We become mature disciples and everyday stewards.***

Over the next few weeks, a series of stewardship reflections will be shared with you. The challenge is to read the scripture reading and reflection, pray about the reflection, and be purposeful in your reflection/response. Please use the "take time to reflect" space to jot down a few of your thoughts. The reflections are based on one of the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward: Mindful, Prayerful, Grateful, Gracious, Committed, and Accountable, which will help develop and cultivate our journey to stewardship as a way of life.

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will, all I have and call my own.*

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

*Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love
and your grace, that is enough for me.*

Amen

St. Ignatius Loyola

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