

JUNE 16, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Inmaculado Corazón de María por José Gutierrez de la Vega



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Monday - Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm

Sunday | 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am

*All Masses held indoor with
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Saturday | 3:30-4:30 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6/25

8:00 am Father's Day Novena
5:00 pm Teodoro Aclan, RIP

SUNDAY 6/26

7:30 am Father's Day Novena
9:00 am Veronica Norton, SI
10:30am Natalia Ruiz Souza, RIP

MONDAY 6/27

8:00 Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY 6/28

8:00 Father's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY 6/29

8:00 Howard Matthews, RIP

THURSDAY 6/30

8:00 Tom Kenny, RIP

Friday 7/1

8:00 Dan Mulvihill, RIP

SATURDAY 7/2

8:00 am Judy Kenny, RIP

5:00 pm Douglas Winton Ealy, RIP

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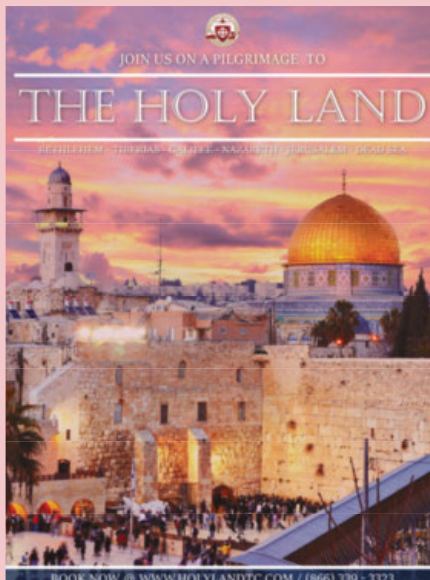
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- Day 1: Depart USA
- Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv / Bethlehem
- Day 3: Bethlehem
- Day 4: Bethlehem / Tiberias
- Day 5: Tiberias
- Day 6: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee
- Day 7: Tiberias / Jericho / Dead Sea
- Day 8: Mount of Olives
- Day 9: Mount Zion
- Day 10: Jerusalem - Old City
- Day 11: Abu Gosh, & Saxum
- Day 12: USA

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the Lord!

Last Sunday the Catholic world celebrated the Feast of *Corpus Christ*, the Most Precious Body of Blood of Jesus Christ. I share with you my reflections on the feast, which may be complemented with a deeper understanding of the meaning of faith, so necessary to become true and faithful disciples of Jesus. There are three essential elements, the first is the content of the faith in Jesus and it is focused on the Paschal mystery, namely that Jesus in order to fulfill his mission of salvation had to suffer, die on the cross and rise from the dead. The second element involves a complete adherence to Jesus that demands self-denial, carrying one's cross daily and eventually following Jesus. The third is proclaiming this reality of Jesus and his mission by words, deeds and our own very lives as a way of sharing in the mission as disciples of Jesus. Today's gospel goes deeper into the meaning of following Jesus in the path of discipleship.

The first reading and the gospel reading are so related in today's liturgy pointing to the radical and complete focus on Jesus that a man should have in order to truly become a disciple. This means that once we decide to follow Jesus, there is no more turning back but only forward movement towards becoming part of the community of disciples assembled to sanctify ourselves in response to the call of Jesus for holiness, just as the Father is Holy. The first reading and the gospel narrate how the human desire to turn back to the past is symbolized by the prophet Elisha and the young man's desire to follow Jesus only after he would have buried his dead father. Notice Jesus responded to the young man saying "let the dead bury their dead," and to another, "no one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

The need to look back while following Jesus is a human sentiment, especially when the process of self-denial that is required in carrying one's cross daily and following Him becomes too heavy to bear. We look back to many issues of our past lives even when we have already answered positively to the call for discipleship. These issues may come in the form of people, events and places that may have been pleasing and endearing to us. The persons may be our parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends. The places and events could be those whose memory we simply could not erase due to their unforgettable character that leave significant imprints in our lives. They may be happy or sad experiences, but going back to them could eventually distract us from setting our focus on following Jesus and centering our lives on Him so that His person and teachings would become the only issues that should matter to us. Saints and holy people have also been distracted in their lives, but the process in overcoming their struggles through prayer and penance helped them in focusing themselves on Jesus and only on Him throughout their earthly.

Truly the remarks of Jesus in last Sunday's gospel reading that "if anyone would like to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow" is one that we must keep into constant consideration and against which we should evaluate ourselves daily so that we can deepen our commitment to him and with love and devotion become his true and loving disciples. Leaving back the distractions will lead us out to centering our lives on Jesus, so that we can completely abandon ourselves to his will and be directed according to his plan. Let us pray that during this year of faith we would be able to entrust ourselves to Him and keep his truly our Lord and Master.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
- Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Thursday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Friday:** St. Junipero Serra, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God calls us in the midst of ordinary things. Often only looking for God in the dramatic, spectacular, the ritual or the sacred places, we miss that He is walking beside us. Every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling to us, "Follow me." Sometimes, we are too distracted to hear this call. Other times, we would rather ignore it or pretend it wasn't heard. God, however, is very persistent. Whether we fine tune our hearing to receive this invitation now or when we close our eyes in death, we need to make a choice. The choice involves leaving some things behind and moving forward, taking risks. Choosing to keep focused and single-minded, the lens we then use to see our world and one another is God's, not our own. Life is no longer about what is important or matters to me but what matters to God. We acquire a new filter and are asked to use that filter to make choices, establish priorities, and determine what direction we will take, and how to love. Once we accept God's invitation, we cannot keep looking back to what was left behind, only forward to the surprises yet to come.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Sapienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Apologetics or Controversies at Propaganda College.

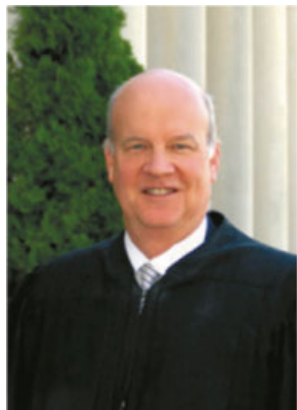
The 1650s were a difficult time in for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible.

Next Nativity Men's Group

July 7, 2022

Speaker: Judge Robert J. Conrad Jr.



John Fisher and Thomas More: Keeping Their Souls While Losing Their Heads

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In 2007, he was nominated by President George W. Bush to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

In his recently published book, *John Fisher and Thomas More: Keeping Their Souls While Losing Their Heads*, Judge Conrad examines the lives of John Fisher and Thomas More with a trial lawyer's love for advocacy, and an Irishman's love for a well-told story. He brings to life Thomas More and John Fisher's example of fidelity to a well-formed conscience, vision of eternal life with God, and willingness to die rather than submit to a raw exercise of royal power.

The father of five children and grandfather to ten (at last count), Judge Conrad hopes that the lessons he learned from More and Fisher might resonate with his family and the readers of this work.

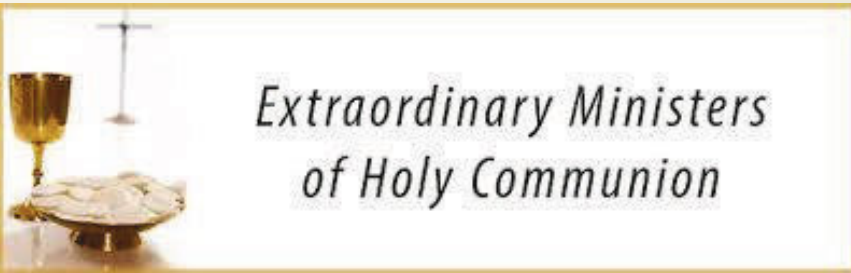
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Where: Church of the Nativity

When: Thursday, July 7, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

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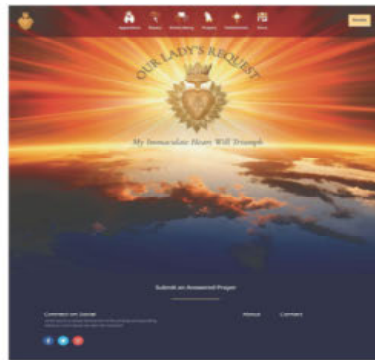
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♥ 12 -12:15 PM: 5 Decades of Rosary

♥ 3-3:15 PM: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

♥ 5-5:15 PM: 5 Decades of Rosary

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Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. We will have envelopes available at all of next weekend's Masses. Please be generous.

June 26, 2022

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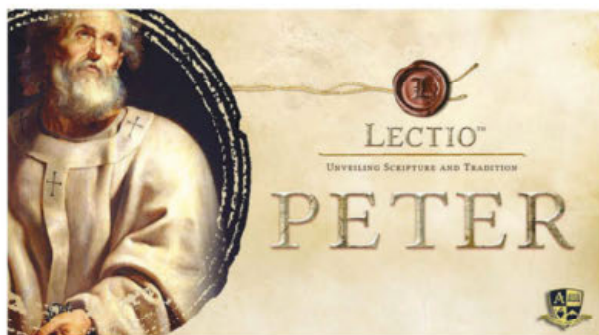
THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, each of whom spread the Gospel to the nations in the earliest days of the Church. In honor of Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, enjoy this film the Bible Collection!



LEARN

LECTIO: PETER: EPISODE 1: PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP



The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter in this Lectio series.

LISTEN

SET ALL AFIRE

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PRAYER

Lord, help me come with you right away.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

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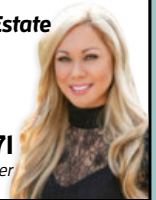
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Thank you to the teens who came to our Million Meals Service Project at Cathedral last week. We met the Million Meal goal! Half the meals we prepared will go to Mexico and the other half will go to Africa and the Philippines. If you need Service Forms signed please bring them to the parish office. Pictures are now up on our website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/photos/view/id/72709>

We had a great time at our End of Year Go-Karting Night!
Pictures are on our website at
<https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/photos/view/id/72543>



A few responses from our Year End Survey -
“What is something you learned about our faith this year at Topic Nights?”

- I have learned a lot about God
- Something I have learned about our faith this year is that there is always more to learn
- I learned about the meanings behind the prayers
- That the Pope is trying to hear more from the youth
- I learned a lot about God and his calling of us
- I have learned more about the gifts of the holy spirit and how God works through others
I learned that God is all-forgiving and is always there for us when we need Him. Even in times where we feel like we can't turn to God, he will always love us and the Holy Spirit guides us in all aspects of life

“What is the best part about Youth Group?”

- Meeting new people
- The best part of youth group is learning more about the faith and the people here
- The people and learning about our faith
- bonding with kids my age over faith
- getting to meet new people my age that go to the same church as me
- I like connecting and hanging out with other people my age who share my faith
- Social and learning about our religion
The best part about Youth Group are the people and the teachings from this class. I have learned so many life lessons/skills/morals that have shaped the way I am as a person and how I make decisions. Also, this group of people always serves as a safe place to come and feel welcome and wanted – and also understood by others because of our similar values.

Congratulations and welcome to our incoming freshmen from the Nativity School and the Faith Formation Program! The next step in your continuing religious education is the High School Youth Ministry Program, which also incorporates preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Your contact information has automatically been added to our class lists. Registration for the 2022-2023 Catechetical Year will start in August.

We are now on our summer break. Watch this bulletin space for information on any summer activities.

For more information on Youth Ministry or Confirmation contact Mike James, Youth Ministry Director, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or see the Youth Ministry page on the parish website at <https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry>



The Inquiry Period for the 2022-2023 R.C.I.A. Year has opened.

If you are an adult looking to learn more about or to be initiated into the Catholic faith, need to prepare for a missed sacrament, or are a lifelong Catholic looking for a refresher course, then the R.C.I.A. can help.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process that welcomes you to join the Catholic faith community and introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Church. If you are not baptized, the process leads to the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you are Baptized in another Christian tradition, the process invites you to participate fully in the church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

During each R.C.I.A. session we spend time answering your questions about the Catholic faith, reviewing the Scripture readings from Mass, and discussing the current chapter in our book. The most important thing is getting your questions answered.

If you are interested in joining the class that starts in September, please contact Mike James, R.C.I.A. Director, at mjames@nativitycatholic.org.