

JULY 03, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*SAINTE ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, Feast Day; July 6
ZURBARÁN, FRANCISCO DE
Fuente de Cantos, Badajoz (Spain), 1598 - Madrid (Spain), 1664*



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WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm

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

*All Masses held indoor with additional seating outdoors in the Courtyard.

Sacraments

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RECONCILIATION

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Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Eucharist Adoration |

Monday - Friday 8:30am-9:30am

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 7/2

8:00 am Judy Kenny, RIP
5:00 pm Douglas Winton Ealy, RIP

SUNDAY 7/3

7:30 am Natalia Ruiz Souza, RIP
9:00 am Josh Broyles, RIP
10:30am Toni Nevin Flores, RIP
Monday 7/4

8:00 Leslie Kourie Sr. RIP

Pascale Kourie, SI

TUESDAY 7/5

8:00 Tom Kenny, RIP

WEDNESDAY 7/6

8:00 Mary Dohn, RIP

THURSDAY 7/7

8:00 Maria Pham, RIP

Friday 7/8

8:00 Leslie Kourie Jr., SI

SATURDAY 7/9

8:00 am Judy Kenny, RIP

5:00pm Feliciano and Juana Rivera, RIP

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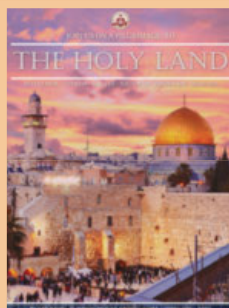
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IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Promoting a Culture of Life: All Catholics are invited to join the Catholic Legislative Network to receive updates and action alerts on social justice issues at cacatholic.org and to join "We Were Born Ready," state-wide strategic campaign to empower, equip, mobilize, and resource Catholics to serve women, children and families, and especially women in difficult and unexpected pregnancies at <https://www.wewerebornready.com/>.

Any questions, contact the Office for Life, Peace and Justice at mvalencia@sdatholic.org

Greetings in the Lord!

For two past two Sundays we have reflected on the meaning of discipleship. Briefly, discipleship means following Jesus and doing what he commands his followers to do. This is a long and arduous process that demands many and various acts, beginning with knowing fully who Jesus is, listening to his words, appreciating his deeds and doing his will. The act of knowing Jesus entails a constant openness of self to the continuous revelation of Jesus himself that commences in reading Scriptures, constant study of the teachings of Jesus as transmitted in the Catholic Church and being guided faithfully by the persons whom Jesus gave the authority to hand over his teachings and interpreting the purpose of his will in the world today. Besides knowing Jesus, a follower of Jesus is expected to embody the teachings of Jesus himself. And this is the more difficult part of the process because it demands radical conversion.

The messages of the past Sundays become more relevant in understanding radical conversion. Jesus mentioned that “anyone who would come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” Conversion begins with the realization that one is truly sinful and the battle begins here because it is so difficult to accept one’s sinfulness. Acceptance of one’s sinfulness is the second stage in which one who desires to change oneself, leaves behind everything of one’s past life of sinfulness and prays for the grace of change. This was the message of the gospel reading last Sunday, when Jesus mentioned that “no one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.” The main reason for this is to emphasize the need to focus oneself on Jesus, his call and the mission that he would be sending his disciples to do.

The fact is that following Jesus is not complete in itself. We are called to follow Jesus, not only to know and do his will but also to be prepared to be sent on a mission. The sending to the mission is what the gospel today speaks about. After appointing the seventy two, he sent them in pairs to a mission, “to every town and place he intended to visit.” The purpose of the mission for which the seventy two were sent was to proclaim that the “kingdom of God is at hand.” Nevertheless, Jesus cautioned the seventy two that they were being sent like lambs among wolves.” For this reason they really had to be dependent on God so that they would “carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals,...” Their dependence on God would also be extended to their expectation of being accepted by the people whom they would greet with peace. Jesus mentioned clearly that they should “stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to [them] because they laborer deserves his payment.”

I believe that the messages of the past two Sundays are so connected with the message of today’s gospel. Conversion from sin and focusing on the person of Jesus would make a disciple truly dependent on Jesus so that with pure intentions he can bring the message of salvation to the mission with nobility of intention and clarity of vision. Each one of us who would like to be disciples of Jesus would enter into a mission in the respective sphere of our lives. The mission today entails disciples who are convinced of their faith; living their faith with joy so that they would be able to bring the message of salvation in the field that is full of wolves, persons who no longer believe in God, follow traditional values and even violently reject God’s message and his ministers. Let us pray that we would be ready for this mission now and forever.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

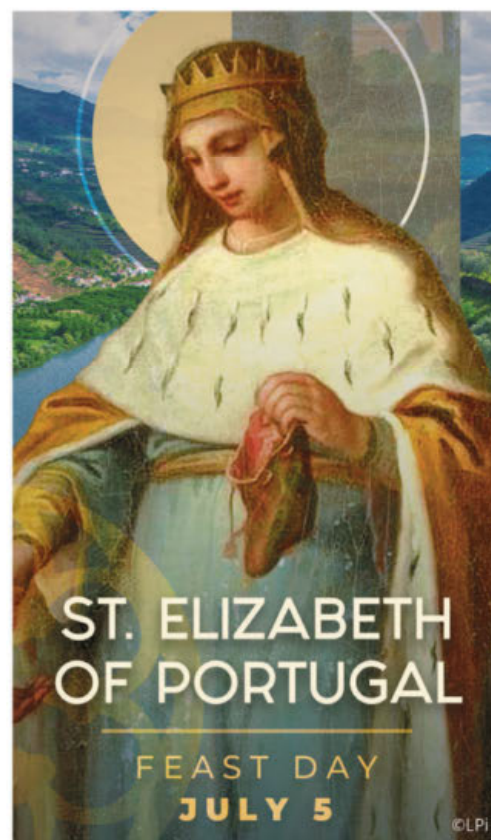
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle
- Monday:** Independence Day
- Tuesday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Wednesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

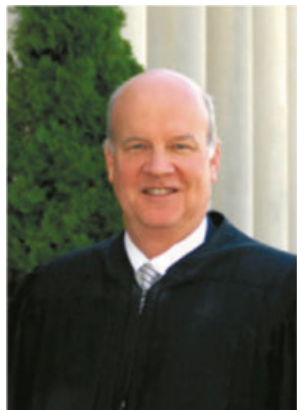
St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday.

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

JUDGE ROBERT J. CONRAD JR. IS A TRIAL JUDGE, EX-FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, FORMER ACC COLLEGE BASKETBALL PLAYER, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, COACH, MENTOR, TEACHER, AND AMATEUR HISTORIAN.

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.

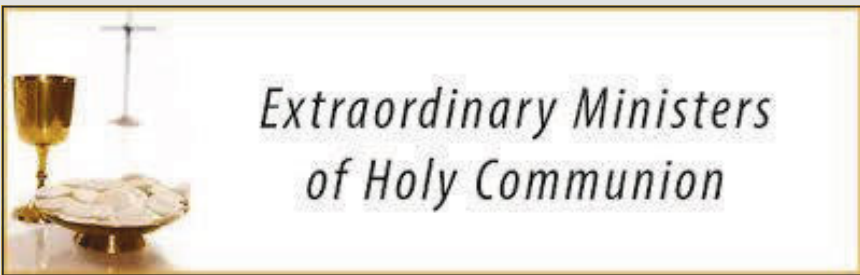
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Where: Church of the Nativity

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

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Jesus told his apostles, “If the people of a town welcome you, eat whatever they offer. They may give you bread and water. They may share fish, meats, fruits, and vegetables with you. Heal their sick.” The apostles were given the power to heal others. Many scientists search for new medicines to cure diseases. When you pray for others, God hears your prayers. God’s love and forgiveness can heal the body, mind, and soul of the sick.

PRAYER

Lord, help me heal others with kind words.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Each morning I will pray for doctors, nurses, and scientists who cure the sick.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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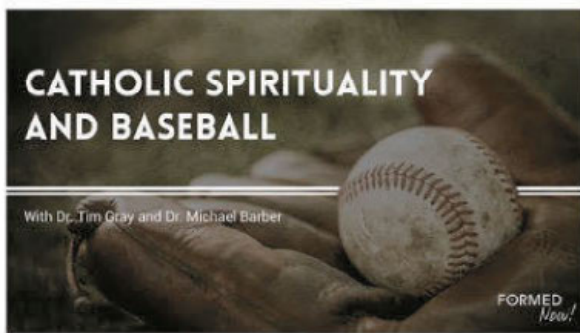
JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



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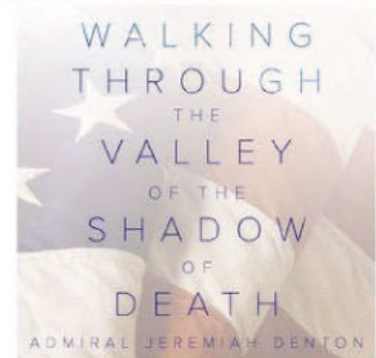


What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!

LISTEN

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON

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Thank you to the teens who came to our Million Meals Service Project at Cathedral. 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>

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.

