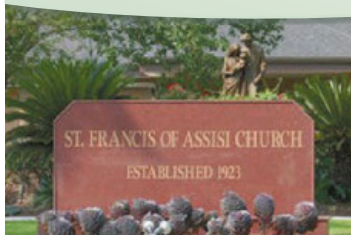


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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem
like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an
overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)



PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
(Ps 66)



SECOND READING

From now on, let no one make
troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my
body. (Gal 6:17)



GOSPEL

"Into whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this household.'
If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him."
(Lk 10:5-6)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Food for Thought**- Still on our fathers/men.**

A man is the most beautiful part of God's creation.

He sacrifices his dreams for just a smile on his parents' faces.

He spends his entire pocket money buying gifts for the lady he loves just to see her smile.

He sacrifices his entire youth for his wife & children by working late at night without complaint.

He builds their future by taking loans from banks & repaying them for his entire lifetime.

He struggles a lot and still has to bear scolding from his mother, wife, and boss.

His life ends up only by compromising for others' happiness.

If he goes out, he is careless.

If he stays at home, he is lazy.

If he scolds his children, he is a monster.

If he doesn't scold them, he is an irresponsible man.

If he stops his wife from working, then he is an insecure man.

If he doesn't stop his wife from working, then he is somebody who lives on his wife's earnings.

If he listens to mom, he is mama's boy.

If he listens to his wife, he is his wife's servant.

If he does not play, he is too serious, stern, and stiff.

If he plays, he is a joker who never matures.

If he dresses well, he is extravagant and a possible womanizer. If he doesn't dress well, he is a loser who is not a gentleman.

If he helps his wife, he is taken for a fool. If he doesn't help his wife, he is cruel and wicked.

Respect and celebrate every man in your life. You will never know what he has sacrificed or is sacrificing for you.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

“Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

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July 10—Rev. Stephen Pellessier

“For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.” (Hb. 5:1)



Baptism Requirements for St. Francis of Assisi

Parents or guardian requesting Baptism must pick up a copy of the Baptism Requirements from the office.

All information must be turned in by the week before Baptism.



How often do I need to confess?

The Church recommends that Catholics receive the Sacrament of Penance frequently.

Strictly speaking, after they’ve reached the age of reason, Catholics are obliged to confess their serious sins at least once a year (CIC 989), but the minimum should not be made a maximum.

Catholics should come to confession as soon as possible after they’ve committed a mortal sin. If they’re seeking to grow in holiness, the regular practice of confession at least once a month is commended.

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.

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