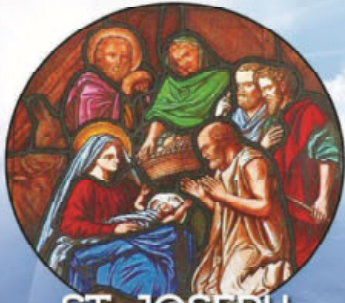


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SUNDAY'S READINGS

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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“The kingdom of God is at hand for you.”
- Lk 10:9

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Mass & Reconciliation Times

July 3rd -14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P) - **CDA Court St. Joseph**

Patriotic Mass; 5:00 P.M. (G) Fr. Vincent

Reconciliation: 7:00 A.M. (C) & 4:00 P.M. (G)

Monday, July 4th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, July 5th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

4:30 P.M. Novena & Communion Service (C) Deacon Alfred

Wednesday, July 6th: 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, July 7th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Friday, July 8th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Saturday, July 9th:

Vigil Mass 4:00 P.M. (P) & 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation: 3:00 P.M. (P)

~ 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.

Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sun.-St. Michael, 2nd Sun.-St. Joseph & 3rd Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

MATRIMONY:

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at 562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

RECONCILIATION:

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.



Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



July

The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

For the month of June, let us unite in prayer for our country and the gift of our freedom, remembering that freedom was won by a high cost.

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Pray For Those In Need

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| Braylee Lambert | Nolan Guidry |
| Damien Powers | Hubert Brignac |
| Betty Brignac | Russel Louque |
| Cathy Nosacka | Evantae Isom |
| Elsie Batiste | Virginia Fontenot |
| Wayne LeBoeuf | |

Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner



Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

- Hailey P. Waguespack
- Jaci Boughton
- Courtney Mistretta
- Kelsi M. Roussel
- Erin M. Bourgeois
- Caroline Melancon
- Kristen Levron

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love.

Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.

Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:

- Sheldon Roussel (SM)
- Gerald Accardo (SJ)
- Allie M. Bourgeois (SH)
- Grady Poche (AC)
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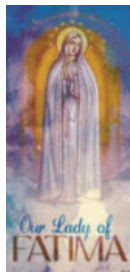
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Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary

Host family July 3rd-9th Lesly Bourgeois (St. Michael); Catherine Boudreaux (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129

Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.



Rest In Peace

Donald Anthony Lambert

August 1, 1939-June 15, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in his honor on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at St. Joseph Church with burial in St. Joseph Church Cemetery.

Thomas Keller

November 21, 1940-June 18, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in his honor on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at St. Joseph Church with burial in St. Joseph Church Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 3, 2022:

- 8:00 a.m. St. Michael Parish Parishioners
- 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Parish Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Parishioners

Monday, July 4, 2022:

- 7:00 a.m. (L)
- Genevieve, Norman & Richard Leonard;
- Aaron, Pedro, Rose & Dalton Berthelot;
- Anthony Calcagno Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 5, 2022:

- 7:00 a.m. (L)
- Donald & Odile Brignac

Wednesday, July 6, 2022:

- 5:30 p.m. (L)
- Doris L. Martin & Family, Joseph & Scott Accardo, Ewell & Georgina Poirrier & Family, Claude & Melda Petit & Sons, LtCol Joseph A. Lucia III & Joseph A. Lucia Jr., Andy & Rita Deslattes & Family, Grady Poche & Richard Roussel, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois, Sam & Kathleen Andermann, Wilmer "Joe" & Germaine Poche, Jay & Betty Richard, Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Lorraine Giardina, Angele Gandy, Myrrh H. Poche, Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 7, 2022:

- 7:00 a.m. (L)
- Zeke Roussel

Friday, July 8, 2022:

- 7:00 a.m. (L)

Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, AJ Laiche, Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 9, 2022:

- 4:00 p.m. (P)

George & Doris LeBlanc & Family, Gus & Earline Babin, Kenny Pham, Gerald Levet, James Steib Sr., Curtis Calderera Sr., Nolan & Mae Matherne, Clayton Deslatte & Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Rezette Jenkins, Ralph Copponex; Arthur, Ruth, Dale Jr. & MaryAnn Lambert; Dennis Louviere, Terry Louque, Francis Roussel, Ellis & Camille Roussel, Jane Cunningham Oubre, Angele Gandy, Myrrh H. Poche, David Decareaux, Jonathan Zeringue, Jerry Louque, Donald Lambert, Souls in Purgatory

- 6:00 p.m. (G)

John T. & Elsie Levet, Ludevine & Ferrell Laiche; Laura & Harold Tregre Family & Becky, Ida & Pat Roddy, Frances Troxler, Hubert & Clara Oubre, Clarence & Mary Ann Torres Marse, Souls in Purgatory

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.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' - Lk 10:8-9

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Office Closed for 4th of July:

On Monday, July 4th the Pastoral Center will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Office will re-open on Tuesday, July 5th at 8:00 A.M.

African American Mass: The Office of Black Catholics is sponsoring an African American Mass on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in St. Joseph Cathedral. Most Rev. Bishop Michael Duca will be the Celebrant with Rev. Joshua Johnson as the Homilist. The Theme is "Celebrating Our Catholic Faith and Culture". Music will be provided by Diocesan Gospel Choir. For more information contact Deacon Alfred Adams @ 225-910-6080.

Come, Lord Jesus!
The Come, Lord Jesus program is a small group bible study centered around prayer, the Holy Eucharist, Scripture, and Christian witness. The Program was developed by Father Conley Bertrand who resides in Lafayette, LA.

Charmaine Ordeneaux would like to start a local group in her home at 9 am on Wednesday's beginning July 6th. Volume I, Be My Witness, A Catholic Study of the Sunday Gospels will be used. The hour meeting begins with prayers of thanksgiving and petitions followed by reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's gospel reading. Please bring your bibles. Materials will be provided. If you would like to join the group or ask questions, please call Charmaine at 225-869-8638.

Special Thanks To Our Delegates: On Sunday, June 19th several members of our Cluster traveled to Baton Rouge to attend the Corpus Christi Mass and procession with Bishop Duca. Fr. Vincent and Deacon Alfred would like to extend a special "Thank You" to those of you who represented our Cluster. Your presence, on our behalf, was greatly appreciated. We look forward to planning our own procession next year. Let us all remember to focus on the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"

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"The harvest is rich but the workers are few".

Ask the harvest-master to send workers into the harvest!" Pray for vocations!
If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

WHEN GOD SPEAKS LIKE A POLISH GRANDMOTHER

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE HAVE A LITURGICAL SEASON CALLED ORDINARY TIME? CAN YOU EXPLAIN?

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion

that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.



"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

See Luke 10:2



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