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Holy Family

Tuesday ... 8 AM
Wednesday ... 8 AM
Saturday.....4 PM
Sunday.....11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the
Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3 PM or by appointment

St Anne

Monday....8AM
Thursday....8AM
First Friday .. 8 AM (preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8 AM
Saturday...4:30 PM
Sunday.....8 AM & 11 AM
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

Holy Name July 10
Faith Fun Nights July 28
Faith Fun Nights August 11



JUNE 26, 2022
THE 13TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant. (1 Kgs 19:21)

Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 16)

Second Reading:

For You were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. (Gal 5:13)

Gospel:

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." (Lk 9:57)

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

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Saints for this week

June 29 – Sts Peter & Paul

A feast honoring these two great saints has been celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church since the 3rd century. There is sound evidence that both Sts Peter and Paul peached in the city of Rome and were martyred there under the Emperor Nero about the year 64.

St Peter – originally Simon, a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee, was one of the first when Jesus called to follow Him. Changing his name from Simon to Peter (which translates – Rock), Jesus promised to build His Church on him and gave him power in heaven and on earth.

St Paul – originally Saul of Tarsus was a zealous Jew, a Pharisee, who after his dramatic conversion on the way to the city of Damascus became a fervent apostle of Jesus. Known as "Apostles to the Gentiles".

June 30 – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

When the city of Rome had been devastated by fire in the year 64, the Emperor Nero launched a persecution against the Christians, who were thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or soaked in tar and used as living torches. Their deaths are documented in the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus and in Pope St Clement's letter to the Corinthians. Their feast was celebrated the day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

4:00 PM | Saturday,
June 25

Lector: Landini
Eucharistic Minister:
DeBlasio

11:00 AM | Sunday,
June 26

Lector: Null
Eucharistic Minister:
Schehr

4:00 PM | Saturday,
July 2

Lector: Keegan
Eucharistic Minister:
Balenovich

11:00 AM | Sunday,
July 3

Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman

Saturday, 6/25

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 6/26

**For: Living & Deceased Members
Of the Chopp & DeClaudio Families
From: And Chopp**

**For: Pete Azzari
From: Tina, Corrine, Annette**

Tuesday, 6/28 Weekday

**For: Joseph Malesic
From: Parishoners of Holy Family**

Wednesday, 6/29 Weekday

**For: Andy Chopp
From: Gene, Ceil & Eileen Skutt**

Saturday, 7/2

**For: Living & Deceased Members
Of Holy Family Church**

Sunday, 7/3

**For: Frances Tekavec
From: Vivian Lesko**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(I Kings 19: 16, 19 – 21; Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 18; Luke 9: 51 – 62)

Commitment – What does that mean to us today? Simply put, it merely means that when we decide to do something, we will remain committed – regardless! When the going gets tough, we will stick with it and not bail out.

Commitment is the one quality that is essential for being a disciple. When Elisha asks the prophet's permission to kiss his parents good-bye, Elijah answers somewhat ambiguously, but Elisha realizes this is the hour of decision.

In the first Scripture Reading from the First Book of Kings, Elisha is following the prophet Elijah. It's an interesting story and how it develops. When Elisha slaughters the oxen that had previously provided his livelihood, he makes a powerful statement of vocational commitment. There is no going back to his former way of life. Elisha must be prompted to make this move, cued by Elijah: "Go back, for what have I done to you?" This statement may be a rhetorical rebuke, but it may also be a question for which Elisha, at least for himself, must provide a real answer. What claim does this call make on his life? What ties must he leave behind?

In the Gospel account for this weekend, Jesus outlines a sort-of Fitness Program that His disciples must measure up to: an ability to live without the comforts of home, a freedom from any ties to family that might prevent preaching the kingdom of God, and the ability to live such a life with total commitment and with no regret. All this can be done by cooperating with God's Spirit.

Normally very accepting of the Samaritans, Jesus shocks His disciples by barely noticing the Samaritans as He heads to Jerusalem, so concentrated was He on his up-coming destiny. The Samaritan villagers "did not receive Him because His face was set toward Jerusalem." Did they reject Jesus, or did they not host Him overnight since "His face was set toward Jerusalem"?

Jesus uses the occasion to speak about discipleship and about the implications of following Him. As the text makes clear, Jesus is speaking to those who are indeed following Him, not to potential followers. As He often does, He speaks in hyperboles and exaggerations for emphasis in making His point. He is saying, "Be willing to let go of the past." You bury the dead and move on. There comes a time when you leave the comforts of home, let go of the doorpost, and move into uncharted waters.

He knows that His disciples will soon be doing exactly that after He has gone. Their lives will be radically and unexpectedly different than anything they had imagined. They will leave behind what they have known and done and go in totally new directions.

What does Jesus mean by saying, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"? Anybody who has plowed a field knows you have to watch carefully in front of you to keep the furrows straight. Look backward and you will swerve one way or another. It's the same when driving a car – you gotta look in front of you if you're going to stay on the highway.

How ironic it is that the disciples did exactly that in the despair and confusion following the crucifixion and resurrection. They looked back and resumed their previous occupation of fishing. It isn't until Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit empowers them, that they begin their true work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus all around the Mediterranean.

These verses jar us into asking, "How are our lives different as followers of Jesus than what they might have been otherwise?" I remember a bumper sticker asking, "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Discipleship means living in ways we might not otherwise live.

The umbrella truth above this whole topic of discipleship is that being a Christian and a disciple of Jesus gives us a whole new identity. We are no longer simply a biological unit on this earth, but a child of the God of the whole universe. We now live knowing that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). Because our lives are now measured by eternal things, we are "exiles and aliens" in this world (1Peter 2:11).

No matter what walk of life we choose – making a commitment is part of the choice. And when we say that we are a disciple of Jesus, commitment needs to be a part of that choice as well. With God's grace to assist us along life's way, we will be able to fulfill whatever commitment we have accepted.

Let us Pray for the Conversion of the
World & for Peace

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