

July 4, 2021

# St. Ronald Church

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time



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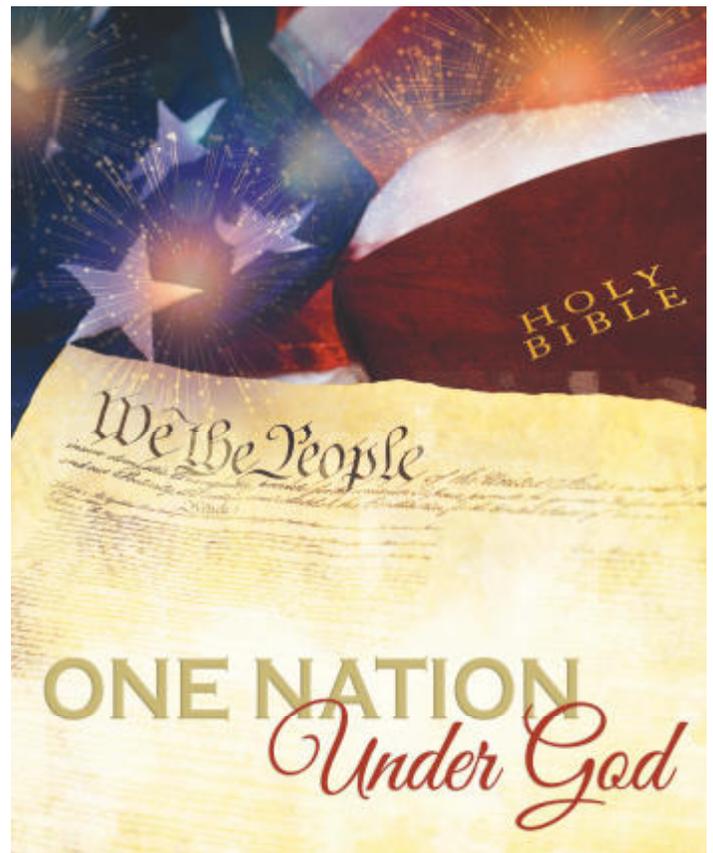
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either. ©LPI



**GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,  
LET YOUR SPIRIT BE WITH US TODAY.  
HEAR OUR PRAYERS, AND INCREASE IN US  
THE WILL TO FOLLOW YOUR SON JESUS.  
HELP US TO DRAW ON THE RESOURCES OF OUR  
FAITH AS WE USE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF  
OUR DEMOCRACY TO SHAPE A SOCIETY MORE  
RESPECTFUL OF THE LIFE, DIGNITY, AND RIGHTS  
OF THE HUMAN PERSON, ESPECIALLY THE POOR  
AND VULNERABLE.  
WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON,  
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER.  
AMEN.**

## The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us. ©LPi

## St. Ronald Garden Club BAKE SALE

Saturday, July 17th & Sunday, July 18th  
after all Masses

We welcome parishioners wishing to  
donate a dessert for our sale to bring  
your dessert to church with you  
that weekend.

You may drop off your desserts in the  
Gathering Area before Mass.

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parishioners to  
consider purchasing  
a dessert or two to  
help offset our  
gardening and  
landscape expenses!  
Thank you for your  
support!



The next Men's Club  
is on  
Monday, July 12th at  
6:30pm.

- It's a barbeque -  
And a membership  
drive, too!

Rosary at 6:30pm,  
dinner afterwards,  
meeting follows.

All men of the parish  
interested in joining the  
Men's Club  
are welcome to attend.



# Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

Most people recognize St. Joseph for his role in the Christmas story, as the husband of the Virgin Mary as well as the foster father of Jesus. Because of his blessed death, assisted by the Child Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death.

## Appearance:

Typically shown as a robed and bearded man. Often shown with carpentry tools, a lily and the child Jesus. As he grew up in the village of Nazareth, Joseph would have studied the Torah from the ages of five to eleven. At the age of eleven he would become an apprentice for his life's work as a carpenter who probably also worked in stone building the small homes in his own and surrounding villages. As a faithful Jew Joseph would also participate in Sabbath worship in his local synagogue. There he and his fellow men would learn the Scriptures, share in fellowship, and thank God for all of his blessings. He would daily pray Deut 6:4 – 9 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Joseph's betrothal to Mary would not have seemed to be so extraordinary. It would have been an arrangement made by their families. He undoubtedly knew Mary having grown up in the same area. He was pleased as her qualities as a young woman were apparent to all. So it came as a considerable shock to discover that she was pregnant. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of Joseph's struggle; *When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.* (Matthew 1: 18 – 19) Joseph loved Mary, and did not wish her to be shamed and exposed to snide comments or being outcast. He would quietly end the betrothal.

Joseph's difficulties ended in revelation in a dream. He discovered that he was chosen by God to be the earthly foster father of Jesus and the protector of his family. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, *“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”* (Matthew 1: 20 – 21)

As a faithful Jew, Joseph would also know the promise of the Messiah. As Mary did, he also said “Yes!” to God and acted in obedience to the Holy Spirit.

It was not an easy life. It involved the taking his family to Egypt to save Jesus from Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2: 13 – 15). When they returned to Nazareth, Joseph had the daily concerns of finding enough work to feed his family. Even after making the costs of everyday life, the family managed to save enough to participate in the yearly Passover celebration in Jerusalem accompanied by their family and friends. (Luke 1: 41 – 51)

Joseph's life, work, and his continuing care and protection of the Holy Family is hidden from us. And in this way he is a model for all men who in their families and religious communities in their daily labor love and support all who come under their protection. It is for this reason that Pope Pius IX declared St Joseph to be the Patron of the Church. St Joseph was also declared the patron of workers celebrated on May 1. And as tradition tells us that he died in the presence of Mary and Jesus.



# St. Ronald Men's Club ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Sunday, August 8th!

### Golf Package:

- Individual Golfer - \$100.00
- Golf Foursome - \$400.00

Includes: Open driving range before round; 18 holes of golf with cart; Dinner: Complimentary gift

- Dinner Only - \$25.00

### TEE Sponsor w/Golf Package:

- Individual Golfer - \$190.00
- Golf Foursome - \$460.00

Includes: Open driving range before round; 18 holes of golf with cart; Dinner: Complimentary gift; Sign with your name on it placed at one of the Tee's and program acknowledgement.

- TEE Sponsor - \$100.00

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- TEE Sponsor w/Dinner - 125.00

Includes: Sign with your name on it placed at one of the Tee's and program acknowledgement.

- I am a Returning Sponsor

Please verify my sign from last year.

- Cash Donation

Includes program acknowledgement.

- Donation of Prize or Service

Includes program acknowledgement.

## St. Ronald Men's Club

### "Have Fun on the Fairway"

### Annual Golf Outing

All NEW Sponsor information will be required no later than July 28, 2021. All Team/Participant information will be required no later than August 3, 2021. In case of a Rain Out, Dinner will still be served. A Rain Check for a round of Golf will be issued for all registered participants paid in full.

Women's Foursome

Men's Foursome

Mixed Foursome

Family Foursome

### Proper Golf/Attire Required

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing  
Sunday, August 8, 2021

Sycamore Hills  
48787 North Avenue  
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For More Information

Please Contact:

Max Adani - (586) 598-9500  
Joe Dumas - (586) 792-7957  
Tony Mannino - (586) 291 2951

## Golf Day Program

### Golf Package Includes:

Access to Driving Range before Golf  
Coney Island Lunch/Chips/Soft Drink  
18 Holes of Golf w/Cart  
Dinner after Golf

Dinner begins about 6:30 p.m.

### Format:

Four Person Scramble w/Shotgun Start

### Course:

SYCAMORE HILLS GC

### Date:

Sunday, August 8, 2021

### Time:

Registration - 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Coney Lunch - 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Shot Gun Start at 1:00 p.m.  
Dinner begins about 6:30 p.m.

### Golf Skill Contests

### Raffles / Auctions

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please place me into a foursome **\*\*\*Please Indicate your Golf Package or Sponsor**

- Here is my foursome:

1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_ 4: \_\_\_\_\_

# LITURGICAL ROLES

July 10/11	Saturday, 4pm Mass	Sunday, 8:30am Mass	Sunday, 11am Mass
<b>Sacristan/</b>	Bill Pantalone	Pat Kauflin	Larry Young
<b>Ushers</b>	Max Adani Phillip Vallelunga	Jim Kauflin Tony Mannino	Daniel Baker Jan Chrzan
<b>Lector</b>	Shalise Tempest	Lynn Hodell	Ardis Kosmala
<b>Eucharist Minister</b>	Jim Karam (P)	Cheri Stanzola (P)	Joe Kosmala (P)
<b>Altar Servers</b>		James Kauflin Andy Kauflin	Gina Hedge Joe Hedge

## Pray for our Troops

*Keep our troops and their families  
in your prayers.*

*Also, remember all those who fought  
and lost their lives for our freedom.*



*Senior Airman Chayse Anderer*

*Sgt. Veronica Camacho*

*Dominic DeYonker*

*Sgt. Nicholas Finn*

*Pfc. David Flachsmann Jr.*

*Sgt. Michael Fournier*

*Spc. Robert Fournier*

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*Sgt. Jacob O'Dowd*

*George Revenaugh*

*LCpl Ryan Ritthaler*

*1T2 Andrew Severini*

*LCP Joseph M. Zelek*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 3, 4pm**

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

**Sunday, July 4, 8:30am**

+Marilyn Molosky requested by Joe Molosky

For Anne Pentland requested by Family

**Sunday, July 4, 11am**

+Marilyn Molosky requested by Joe Molosky

**Monday, July 5 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, July 6, 9am Mass**

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

**Wednesday, July 7, 9am Mass**

+Lyle Barger, Jr requested by Family

+Bill Casey requested by Wife

**Thursday, July 8, 9am Mass**

+Lorraine Cabrera requested by Marquita and Jerry McGraw

**Friday, July 9, 9am Mass**

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

**Saturday, July 10, 4pm**

+Doug Podgorski requested by Mary and Mike Soules

**Sunday, July 11, 8:30am**

+Rita and Leonard Cichocki requested by Cathy and Mike Grix

+Lois Schimmel requested by Family

**Sunday, July 11, 11am**

+Dominic Guarnieri requested by Kathy Whitworth

## Pray for our Sick

Barrington Boys

Maurice Beauchemin

Brian Billiet

Michael Bolter

James Cichocki

William Cichocki

Rosemary Crane

Jazelle Culavita

Fran Davis

Anna DelVillano

Carol Goyette

Chris Kleist

Richard

Kowalewski

Paul Kushner

Anne Lanivich

Connie Larimer

Carol Matson

Jacob Michael

Thomas Rooney

Karen Rothenhauser

Jerry Schmidt

Mary Spear

## Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11,

18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,

20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/

Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or

1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

## Masses of the Week

Observances for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Mass of the Day

Thursday: Mass of the Day

Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, Martyr

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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