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- Bulletin - Tuesday
- Announcements - Thursday

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP. WE PRAY THAT, IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS OF CONFLICT, WE MAY BE COURAGEOUS AND PASSIONATE ARCHITECTS OF DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP.

**Pray for Vocations**

- SUNDAY:** 3RD & 4TH YEAR THEOLOGY
- MONDAY:** 1ST & 2ND YEAR THEOLOGY
- TUESDAY:** 1ST & 2ND YEAR THEOLOGY
- WEDNESDAY:** SPIRITUALITY YEAR
- THURSDAY:** COLLEGE FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES
- FRIDAY:** VOCATIONS MINISTRY
- SATURDAY:** APPLICANTS & PROSPECTIVE



**Ministry Schedule**

**4:30pm Saturday**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bernie Whitman

**Lector:** Sally Brands

**Ushers:** John Donohoue

**Cantor:** Mike Westhoff & Mary Jessup

**Offertory Counters:** X

**Church Cleaners:** Esther Jones

**Sacristian:** Kathy Hill

**9:30am Sunday**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Pressler

**Lector:** Dan Niedbalski

**Ushers:** Carl & Pat Schmeckel

**Cantor:** Cheryll Carpenter, Melanie & Art Dahl

**Offertory Counters:** Monday: Patsy Noel, Sally

Brands

**Church Cleaners:** X

**Sacristian:** Eileen Pressler

**Parish Council:**

Representatives from all Groups and Ministries

**Finance Council:**

Michelle Duran, Rosie Ruiz, Susie Meraz, Bill and Dianna Swigert.

**We pray for...**

Zack Sowieja & family, Ruben Quintero, Marilyn Bryan, Darrell Redman, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Pat Schmeckel, Corky Wilson, Mary Ann Olson, Esther Jones, Joshua Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, Pat Squire, Marlene Brandt, Dolores Snell, Harry & Joan Bennett, Susan Buchan, Julia Heroux, David and Dina Fital, Ray Alarid Sr. Chuck Moroni, Cathy Longtine (Anita Green's sister), Louis Bertaux, Joseph Vizant, Dale Baker, Martha Earheart, Rebecca McCormick, Karen Matthews, Sandra Reieer, Tatiana, Nicholas, and Vita Ramirez for all others in our Parish and Community who are in need of our prayer.

**For the souls of our departed:** Dora Castro, Dorothy Bruno and Amadeo, Rodney Olson, Clarence Gomez, Ted Diaz, Dorothy Ceremuga, Brian Garland, Helen Mahon (Jackie Vazquez's grandmother), Georgi Aibner, Patty Mobley, Dale Baker, Barbara Rossum, Criselda Chavez, Billy Woody, Rudy Alvarado, Linda Tomasi, Mike Frances, Selensky, Mary Ellen Smith Bouchard, Pauline Zoulek, Rita Carpenter, Norman Buchan, Therese Daily Gonzales, Martin Ghastin, Bernice Ghastin, Roberta Nix (Mother of Michelle Duran), Joe Kasper, Dorothy Zinn, Paula Prince, Joan Weaver, John Antonelli, Carolina Berela, Don Snyder, Jim Matthews, Father Leo Smith, & baby blue.



**ST. MARY PARISH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Liturgical Schedule**

**English Mass Schedule:**

- MON., TUES., FRI. - 8:30 AM
- SATURDAY - 4:30 PM
- SUNDAY - 7:30 AM
- SUNDAY - 9:30 AM

**Sacred Heart**

230 N 6th St. Silt

- SUNDAY - 7:30 AM

**Spanish Mass Schedule**

- THURSDAY - 7:00 PM
- SATURDAY- 7:00 PM
- SUNDAY-12:00 PM
- SUNDAY-6:00 PM

**Reconciliation Schedule  
(Bilingual)**

- MON, TUES, FRI—8:00AM
- FRIDAY— 7:00-9:00 PM
- SATURDAY—3:30 -4:30 PM

**ADORATION SCHEDULE:**

- FRI. 9:15 – 9:45 AM
- FIRST FRIDAY 8:00 AM – SATURDAY 6:00 AM
- EVERY SUNDAY 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM (MEN'S PRAYERGROUP)



**Readings of the Week**

**July 4th – XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

**July 5th –Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 28:10-22a Matthew 9:18-26

**July 6th– Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 32:23-33 Matthew 9:32-38

**July 7th– Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 41:55-57,42:5-7a,17-24a Matthew 10:1-7

**July 8th– Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29,45:1-5 Matthew 10:7-15

**July 9th – Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 46:1-7,28-30 Matthew 10:16-23

**July 10th – Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 49:29-32,50:15-26a Matthew 10:24-33

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
FOR HE SENT ME TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

JESUS SAID,...“A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR EXCEPT IN HIS NATIVE PLACE AND AMONG HIS OWN KIN AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE.”  
MARK 6:4

# Shepherd's Corner

**GROW:** I am impressed by the phrases of today's first and second reading: the prophet Ezekiel is told that those to whom he will be sent are "hard-faced and stubborn of heart"; and St. Paul aptly describes a "thorn in the flesh" that was delivered to him. He even refers to this thorn as "an angel of Satan." These are descriptive images! So, I wondered, what do these images look like in practice? The Gospel gives us a clear example: those who grew up with Jesus refuse to see him as a prophet. At one point in my life, I could have said to myself, "Wow, I can't believe people in his day rejected Jesus!" However, as I get older, I am aware not only of more physical aches and pains, but also of the "thorn in the flesh" of patterns I'm not particularly proud of: cynicism, pessimism, even hard-heartedness and a closed mind. . The "they" in today's readings hits closer to home and seems more like "us" than before. And yet, as St. Paul reminds us, we can bring our imperfections to God and pray for grace to give us strength in our weakness, hearts open to God's love, and ears ready to hear the Gospel and be transformed by Jesus.

**MISSION:** When Jesus returned to his hometown, he wasn't exactly greeted as a "hometown hero." His contemporaries could only see him as a carpenter, and not as the Messiah: "So he could not do any powerful work there, apart from curing a few sick by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at his lack of faith. "We know that Jesus went on to perform the most powerful works: dying and rising from the dead. And yet, even today, he would be" amazed at our lack of faith. "Today's Gospel and The other readings encourage us to do a spiritual health check and pray for the grace to continue growing in faith. We can also pray for others who may be questioning or have lost their faith, inviting them to consider coming to church with us or simply offering to pray with and for them.

**REFLECT:** For a more intentional look at the thorns they may have in your side and the weaknesses they contribute to, consider making a retreat. Attend a retreat in person at a local retirement home or look online for options for a guided home retreat.

## Dear Father

**Does religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.**

Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (Dignitatis Humanae), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom: First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus. Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours. Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth. Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs. This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.  
Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

Religious freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.  
VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

## Stewardship

June 27, 2021

Offertory:

Attendance:

# Parish Happenings

## Transitioning Mass Procedures

In accordance with the latest CDC, State, and County recommendations related to COVID 19:

- Face coverings are not required for those who are fully vaccinated or **11 years** old and younger who are comfortable with no social distancing requirements
- Face coverings for those **age twelve (12)** and older who are not fully vaccinated are highly recommended
- Downstairs seating
- For those who want social distancing
- Please wear a mask for the safety and welfare of all
- Holy Communion will be brought to you - stand in place to receive

For the Sign of Peace it is still recommended to avoid physical touching between unrelated parties.

Distribution of Holy Communion will continue to be by sections. We ask that everyone come forward in procession. This allows for easy exit and reentry into the pews.

- If seated by the chapel come forward down the baptismal font aisle and return to pews down the aisle by the chapel.
- If seated in the section by the piano come forward down the aisle by the piano and return to pews down the middle aisle.
- If seated in the middle section come forward down the middle aisle and return to pews down the baptismal font aisle.
- If seated in the back come forward down the middle aisle and return to pews down the aisle by the piano.
- If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please go to Father at the end of distribution.

## July Liturgical Ministries

The schedule for July has been sent out electronically via St. Mary flocknote. Please note this schedule includes Sunday, August 1. Printed copies are available in the rack by the elevator. Thank you to all who signed up to serve the community.

## August Liturgical Ministry Schedule Requests

Please text/contact Kathy Hill @ 970-309-4627 or [hilldblck@aol.com](mailto:hilldblck@aol.com) by Monday, July 19 with dates available or not available to serve in August. The schedule will run from August 7 through August 29.

## Parish Office Hours

The office is now open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm. The office will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

## Bethlehem Handicrafts

July 10th & 11th after all Masses  
Olive Wood Statues: Jesus - Virgin Mary - Holy Family - Angels - Saints  
Nativity Scenes - Christmas Ornaments - Crosses & Crucifixes  
Rosaries & Bracelets - Kitchen Utensils - Church Supplies - Wall Hangings & more!

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

### Weekend Masses July 10 and 11

Fr. Gerardo will be celebrating this sacrament for those in need of Christ's healing power physically, mentally, or spiritually and is intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness.

**Who is this sacrament appropriate for?** Anyone of the Catholic faithful living in a state of grace, or if not has gone to Confession, who begins to be in danger of death due to sickness, long term or terminal illnesses, facing surgery or serious medical procedures, or suffering from the frailty of old age. It is also offered to persons who are struggling with illness but not in danger of death, provided the nature of the illness is sufficiently serious. The sacrament may be repeated if conditions worsen or another grave illness occurs.

**What are the effects of the sacrament?** The primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing. Special graces are conferred. The first is "one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition... This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will." CCC 1520 Secondly, it also gives the grace to unite oneself more closely to Christ's Passion. The sacrament also bestows forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, those who will be receiving it during Mass should go to Confession prior to the anointing.

**How is the sacrament administered?** The priest lays hands on/over the sick praying to God for their healing. Then the priest anoints the forehead with the Oil of the Sick saying: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." The person responds "Amen." Then he anoints the hands saying: "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." The person again responds "Amen." Fr. Gerardo has asked that those who will be receiving the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick sign up in advance and sit together in the front pews. A sign up sheet can be found on the bulletin board across from the elevator or you may contact Kathy Hill @ 970-309-4627 by Friday, July 9.

## Pray the Rosary Wednesday Mornings

You are invited to join others in praying the Rosary on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the church, asking the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that the whole world live in peace.

## Youth Retreat

Saturday, July 24th from 8:00am-5:00pm. The retreat is for those 16 years and older. Father Gerardo Garcia and Deacon Jose R. will be preaching. It will be by donation. For more information please contact Cristela @ (970)319-3601 or Angelica @ (970)274-4435.