

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020



Our expectations often fool us. Zechariah realized this. It's only natural to expect that a king would ride in on horse and chariot. On a beast of burden without a weapon? Preposterous. Yet that is how the "just savior" brings peace. In the Gospel, Jesus says God has revealed to little ones what has been hidden from the wise and learned. To recognize Jesus as the Messiah, one had to be open to the possibility of a king who acted like a servant. Those who insisted they already had all the answers (e.g. the scribes and the Pharisees) refused to accept him.

Yokes are uncommon today, but in the day before tractors others and power machinery strong animals had to pull farm equipment across the field. To drag the plow through heavy soil and keep it headed in a straight line, animals usually worked in pairs, attached with a yoke. The animals walked at a sustainable pace, supporting each other when one tired or encountered an obstacle. With a yoke, each animal needed to do only half the work. Jesus offers us similar support. By sharing in our hardships, he lightens our burden and gives us some rest. We are not going it alone.

We have some responsibility in having our burden eased. We need to stand up and take the yoke. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me," Jesus tells his audience (Matthew 11:29). We need to turn to the Lord and we need to listen and learn. We need to ask what the Lord is calling us to do and be willing to accept that. In doing so we will realize that Jesus will always be there to help us.

Question of the Week

When have I realized that my expectations had fooled me? Regarding hardships, what have I learned from asking for help?

Saturday, July 4, 2020

Vigil Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Hall and Becker Families

Sunday, July 5, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Germain Bruno – Intentions of Sonja Baham – Lynn Foster

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Michael Braud, Sr. – Mary Lou Donatto – Intentions of Stacey Martin

12:00p.m. Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, July 6, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacy Martin

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Blair Mc Donald – Sonja Baham – Lynn Foster

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacey Martin

Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Freddie Thomas – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey –

Friday, July 10, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Albert R. Pierre – Charles and Harriet Cager – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sonja Baham

Saturday, July 11, 2020

8:30a.m. Intentions of Gregory Pierre – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Welcome Reverend Daniel Green To St. Maria Goretti Parish Family

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.
Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.
Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.
Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.
The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.
When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.
Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.
During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.
Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.
Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Joyce Goins Langie. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Deacon Oscar and Lynn Foster.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 5, 2020

12:00p.m. Confirmation – Church

Thursday, July 9, 2020

10:00a.m. Katherine Drexel Graduation
Church

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.