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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-- Galatians 6:14



Daily Mass

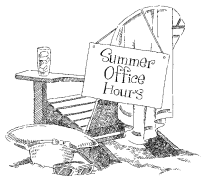
Week of July 8th – 13th

Monday: 8:00 Nicholas Elsenius+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Robert MacDonald+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Angela McCormick+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Claudia Black
 Friday: 8:00 Judy Beattie+
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Judith Beattie, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Judy Beattie, wife of Mark Beattie. Our condolences to the family.



Summer Hours!

The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mondays -- Thursdays. Have a great and enjoyable summer vacation!



Today's Readings

First Reading -- As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalm -- Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading -- May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel -- Jesus sends out the seventy-two (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

Summer!

In summer, the song sings itself!

-- William Carlos Williams

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's Gospel, Luke describes how Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples to go in pairs to towns and villages and preach the Good News in his name.

When they returned to Jesus, they marveled at how successful their mission had gone:

"Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name."

Jesus reminds them that they should not rejoice because of the wonders that they were able to perform, but rather that they should be grateful for the opportunity to share in his mission to the world.

By virtue of our baptism, we too have been commissioned to proclaim that the reign of God is in our midst. When we show others compassion, we are allowing the power of God's love to be manifested through us.

As a way of keeping myself mindful of my call to discipleship, I daily offer to God a simple prayer that I will share with you:

Lord, be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart. So that all I think, say and do will be done in your name.

Love, Fr. Leo



Mission!

Today's first reading from Isaiah was occasioned by the return of the Jewish people from exile. The prophet visualizes the Holy City as a mother welcoming her children home. The people may now look forward to prosperity and comfort. In this post-Pentecostal season, the Church attributes this sense of fulfillment to the Holy Spirit.

Paul, on the other hand, speaks of "the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the single thing of which he will boast, for it is the means by which we are re-created. The comfort and prosperity promised in the first reading are here transformed by a deepening of the Christian paradox.

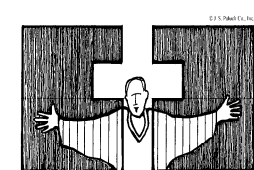
Luke's Gospel describes the calling and the mission of "seventy-two others," who are commissioned to bring in the "harvest." The number is symbolic, since according to Jewish tradition the number of nations in the world is seventy-two. This then is a universal mission, a catholic mission to all the world.

Saint James Day Presentation!

Have you walked or even had the calling to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain? One of the three major Christian pilgrimages, together with Rome and Jerusalem, the Camino follows various ancient paths to the tomb of St. James, located in the crypt of the Santiago Cathedral.

Join the Northern California chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino for a special presentation of St. James, the Despairing Evangelist Who Becomes an Inspiring Pilgrim, a Story for Today. The date is Thursday, July 25th, from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. The speaker will be Alexander John Shaia, internationally sought speaker, author and guide who annually mentors a small band of pilgrims walking the Camino. Alexander will give an overview of St. James' life and spirituality, as well as speak of pilgrimages as a contemporary rite of passage and an extended practice of mindfulness. His most recent book, Returning From Camino, is the first book to address the spiritual and psychological needs of a pilgrim upon returning home. For more information, see: www.Quadratos.com.

RSVP required by July 24th. Email Laurie Ferris at: laurie@thecaminoprovides.com. This event will either take place in the Gibson Center or the Church.



Treasures From Our Tradition!

It's summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday; and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

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Summer Get-Together Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck is set for next Saturday, July 13th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The main course will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. See you there!

Donation Site for Katie Murphy!

Thank You to all who recently helped celebrate Principal Katie Murphy's retirement. What a wonderful send off! Thank You also to those who contributed to the Happy Trails Fund and Katie Murphy Scholarship Fund. The donation portal on the School's website has now been closed. However, if you would still like to contribute to either fund, you can do so via check. Happy Trails checks can be written to "Katie Murphy" and dropped off at the Parish Office; Scholarship Fund checks can be written to the "Katie Murphy Scholarship Fund" and dropped off in the School's mailbox or at the School Office.

The Journey Continues!

If your Lenten study group left you wanting more, then Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality may be the answer. Ignatian Companions is a unique program, engaging women and men over the age of 50 who have a desire to serve the marginalized, while also deepening their spiritual development. As an endorsed work of the California Province of the Jesuits, it strives to balance the call to act for social justice with the desire to come closer to our living God. The program is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and operates from September to June.

To learn more, please contact Companions staff Marco Matute at: Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com or call (415) 487-8560, ext. 224. You can also contact Corpus Christi Parish members Iris Chavarria at (415) 756-6721 or Helen Merkle at (510) 465-5378.



Remember Your Offerings

Thank you for remembering your Church during the summer months. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Through Love's Great Power!

Through love's great power to be made whole
 In mind and body, heart and soul --
 Through freedom to find joy, or be
 By dint of joy itself set free
 In love and in companionship:
 This is the true and natural good.

To undo justice, and to seek
 To quash the rights that guard the weak --
 To sneer at love, and wrench apart
 The bonds of body, mind and heart
 With specious reason and no rhyme:
 This is the true unnatural crime.

-- Vikram Seth