

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 30, 2024**

You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

-- Psalm 30:13



**Daily Mass**

**Week of July 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Laura Olsen+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Wednesday: 8:00 Jerry Cole+
- Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Friday: 8:00 Elizabeth Meagher+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
June 23, 2024	\$7,135.00

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 ★ Please Note: The Parish Office ★  
 ★ will be closed on Thursday, July ★  
 ★ 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. We will ★  
 ★ be back on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. ★  
 ★ Have a safe and fun Fourth of ★  
 ★ July holiday! ★  
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**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

**Psalm** -- I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** -- Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

**Gospel** -- Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

**Freedom!**

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

-- Abraham Lincoln



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus said to His disciples, "To those to whom much is given, much is expected." The words of our Lord should speak to us this weekend, as we celebrate Independence Day. As a nation, we have been truly blessed. We live in a country free of tyranny and oppression. Our individual rights are protected by the Constitution and the rule of law. Many people around the world admire the democratic principles by which we govern ourselves.

While there are citizens of our great nation who suffer from poverty, many of us live lives of prosperity never imagined by our forefathers. We are fortunate indeed! But, our good fortune brings with it a greater responsibility. We cannot take our blessings for granted, nor can we ignore those who suffer here and abroad. In our Declaration of Independence, we proclaim that: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." These are not hollow words, but reflect who we are when we are at our American best.

This Fourth of July is a good time for us to pause and offer a prayer of gratitude for the blessings we have received as citizens of this wonderful country. It also affords us the opportunity to recommit ourselves to the mission of enhancing the lives of those who are less fortunate than we are. I encourage you to spend some time reflecting on what Jesus said, "To those to whom much is given, much is expected."

Love, Fr. Leo



**Jesus' Example of Helping Others!**

In today's second reading, Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point.

After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation, our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty, we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

### *Living Our Faith Ministry!*

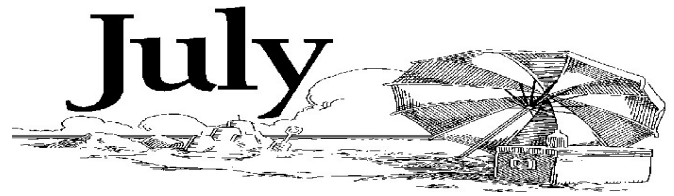
During the summer, the Living Our Faith Ministry would like to share with you two opportunities. The first one is the **Summer Food Drive**. With no access to school breakfast and lunch programs, many local families are struggling to feed their children. You are invited to continue to donate non-perishable food items, especially family-friendly foods, to the Alameda County Community Food Drive barrel located in the entrance to the Church and in the Gibson Center. Monetary donations are also welcome and easily submitted online or through the QR Code on the flyers in the Church.

The second one is a "first" for Corpus Christi, **Community Book Discussion**. Participants are invited to read Thomas Merton's, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, throughout the summer. Then on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., we will bring our books, our notes and ourselves to the Gibson Center for a group book discussion. Thanks to the generosity of our Parish, **free** copies of this book are available to all those who wish to participate. You will find them on the credenzas in the Church. For more information and to register, please contact Nancy Midlin at: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com). We look forward to your participation this summer!

### *Summer Silent Retreat Opportunity!*

Ann Naffziger will be co-leading a silent retreat at San Damiano Retreat in Walnut Creek from Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. It is designed for both people with little to know experience on silent retreats as well as those with previous experience. Visit: <https://sandamiano.org/events/6day-silent-retreat-following-the-footprints-of-contemplative-prayer> for more information.

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the "Wife of Bath," by this telling remark: "Husbands at church door she had five." Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride's home to the public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren't too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride's family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride's father to the priest's authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren't quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.



### *Readings For The Week July 1<sup>st</sup> -- 6<sup>th</sup>*

- Monday: First Reading Amos 2:6-10, 13-16;  
Psalm 50;  
Gospel Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday: First Reading Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12;  
Psalm 5;  
Gospel Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday: First Reading Ephesians 2:19-22;  
Psalm 117;  
Gospel John 20:24-29
- Thursday: First Reading Amos 7:10-17;  
Psalm 19;  
Gospel Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday: First Reading Amos 8:4-6, 9-12;  
Psalm 119;  
Gospel Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday: First Reading Amos 9:11-15;  
Psalm 85;  
Gospel Matthew 9:14-17

*As* Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

*In* 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

