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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. Spanish (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. English (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. Spanish (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. English (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.) 12:00 p.m. English (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

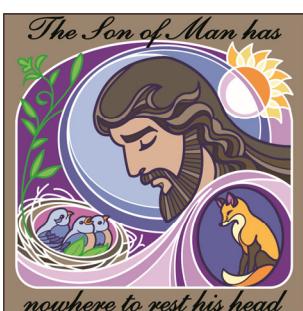
MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare Elisha to succeed him. Succeeding Elijah will be no easy task; he has spent his life facing threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity. The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him.

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We return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, and with this new season we focus on what it means to be a person who is called by God for some definite purpose. Elisha recognized God's call in Elijah's greeting and prepared immediately to follow. The people who came to Jesus seemed ready to follow, yet each had reasons to linger behind. As people who are given the freedom to follow or to stay behind, we must ask ourselves what we are ready to do for the sake of Christ and the call of the gospel. What are you called to do at this time in your life? Are you prepared to leave behind the things that get in the way of living as a Christian?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62).

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FOLLOW

What does it mean to follow Jesus? The Gospels show us that Jesus called each person individually, recognizing the things that stood in the way for each. He looked into the person's heart and saw the true desires of the person standing before him. Each of us experiences Christ's call uniquely as the persons we are. For some, following requires us to take stock of our lives and let go of the obstacles that keep us from the way of true discipleship. For others, the call may lead us to deepen the way that faith directs our lives, with more intentional time in prayer, regular participation in Mass, renewed attention to family, involvement in our parish, or new acts of service.

BE READY

It is easy to say we want to follow Jesus, yet most of us feel competing desires that stand in the way of discipleship. We may be distracted by the constant swirl of activity so prevalent in our surrounding culture; we might be lured by worldly wealth and the status that often accompanies it; we may simply be comfortable with the way things are and find it difficult to risk changing anything. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we must stop putting off making the changes that will bring us closer to him and to God's way of life. We must trust in the Lord, knowing that what he most deeply desires is that we be close to him. If you encountered Jesus today and said you were ready to follow him, what would he see in your heart, what obstacles or hesitations would he perceive? Go to Jesus in prayer this day. Listen to him say, "Follow me." Prayerfully place your life in the Lord's hands and be ready to follow.

Laws of Love

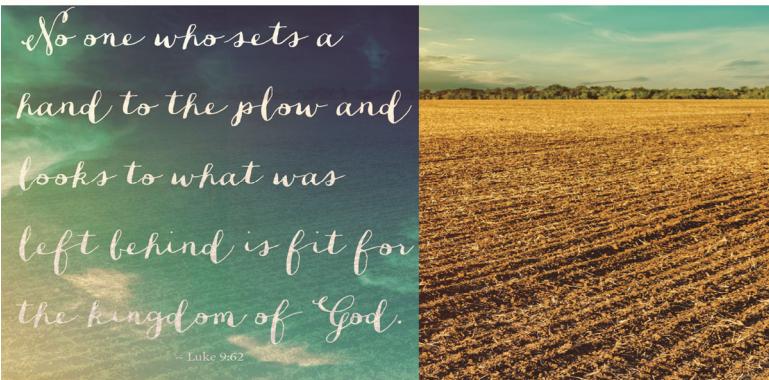
St. Paul has a unique vision of freedom. We often think that freedom means I can do what I want without interference from an outside source, such as a bureaucracy or a dictator. For most Americans, it means being able to take care of myself and my family, hopefully without having to pay too much in taxes. We usually associate that with the “pursuit of happiness” without thinking too much about what happiness is. What makes Paul’s idea unique is that his vision of happiness means serving one another in love. For Paul, freedom is not so much being free from oppression as being free to love and serve those around us.

What would stop us from loving others? It could be fear: “I’m not sure I would be able to do any good. I’m afraid of going into a bad neighborhood to help the homeless. I fear that if I were more generous to the poor (church, Red Cross, life issues, etc.), I would not have enough for my family.” Or it could be attachment to possessions or even to our family—the man in the Gospel wasn’t free to follow Jesus because he thought it meant leaving his family behind.

Paul talks about another kind of freedom when he says that following the Spirit means freedom from the Law (Galatians 5:18). He was not talking about ignoring the speed limit or pirating DVDs. He meant people who were obsessed with keeping all the laws and customs that were part of the Jewish tradition. It would be like someone who goes to Mass on Sunday only because he doesn’t want to break a Church law, or someone who drives the speed limit only because he doesn’t want to pay a fine. Taken to an extreme, you would have to memorize every law on the books to be sure you did not break one. The freedom of the Spirit is a life lived out of love. A person would go to Mass out of love for God; a driver would obey the speed limit to protect other drivers. As long as we love one another, we wouldn’t have to worry about breaking the law, for God’s laws are all examples of how to love one another.

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JUNE 12, 2022

Tithing:	\$7,699.23
Children:	\$0.00
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 27, 2022

Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 27, 2022

Monday	
8:30am	Jose Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliseo Sanchez, Aracelis Sanchez (D)
12:00pm	
Tuesday	
8:30am	Jose Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliseo Sanchez, Aracelis Sanchez (D)
12:00pm	
Wednesday	
8:30am	Alberto Ponciano Sanchez (D); Jose Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliseo Sanchez, Aracelis Sanchez (D)
12:00pm	
Thursday	
8:30am	Beatriz Lindorf (D); Auera Neuela Solano (D); Jose Sanchez, Margarita Duran, Eliseo Sanchez, Aracelis Sanchez (D)
12:00pm	
Friday	
8:30am	
12:00pm	
Saturday	
7:45am	Ana Linh (D)
7:00pm	Alejandro Luna (D)
Sunday	
8:00am	People of SNT
9:30am	Sonia Gonzalez (D); Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D)
11:30am	Peter & Phyllis Keon (D)
1:30pm	Phero Thong & Margarita Han

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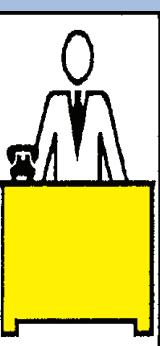
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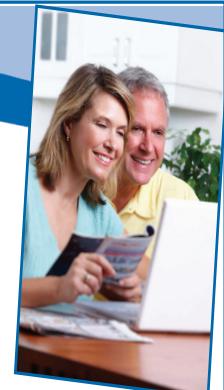
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