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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOOD NEWS IS ON THE WAY



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This week, in the midst of summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own "homecoming," returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the "advent" of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing.

The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus sent the seventy-two out to prepare people's hearts and minds for him. The disciples whom he sent were to rely on the hospitality of those whom they served, and above all, to proclaim the kingdom of God. When they returned, joyful that so many had been healed through Christ's power, Jesus told them that true joy is to know our names are written in heaven. In other words, we must keep our eyes fixed on the ultimate goal, to be with God for eternity. In the heavenly Jerusalem, we will find comfort and overflowing nourishment. Our hearts will know joy beyond what we can imagine. Saint Paul tells us today that knowing the grace of Jesus Christ changes everything, giving new perspective, peace, and mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice and be glad for I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing torrent (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 his disciples out in pairs to bring his peace and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

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CALLED TO HIGHER THINGS

Think about a typical day for you. From the time you awake until your day ends, you may be busy, focused on work or family with little time to pause except perhaps a few moments for lunch or dinner. Most of us would say this is an accurate description of life as we know it. And if we are honest with ourselves, we see much good that comes from the attention we pay to the people in our lives and the tasks that we accomplish. We may even be mindful of our call to do these things with and through the Lord as we go about our lives. Yet we must remember that we are also called to higher things. We are in the world but not of it. Our ultimate goal is to be with God for eternity, and all our activities, tasks, and interactions must bear this great purpose in mind.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

Jesus sent the seventy-two to proclaim the kingdom of God. They were to show people God's love by the way in which they lived. They were to travel simply, with only the provisions that were needed, rely on the good will of the people they served, and care for those who were in need. While some of us are called to live as missionaries, visiting places far from the comfort of home, most of us are called to live faithfully in our daily lives, where we are, with family and friends, co-workers, fellow citizens of our local towns and cities, our country, and the world. Whether we go to far-off lands to serve and share Christ's message of mercy or we serve in simple ways at home and in our local place, we must remember that whenever we reach out to heal, forgive, and show compassion, the kingdom of God is at hand. Christ is with us and will remain with us.

False Humility?

It's been months since Easter and it's a long way to Christmas, but there seems to be a lot of rejoicing in today's readings. Isaiah talks about rejoicing with Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the disciples rejoicing when they came back from visiting towns to tell about the Kingdom. St. Paul is happy to be suffering for Christ. So what is the reason for such joy?

The readings make clear that it is not because of what the people of Jerusalem did, or even what miracles Jesus' disciples performed. Isaiah talks about what God will do for the people, how "the LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14). Jesus tells his disciples not to rejoice that they cast out demons; no, they should "rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). In other words, we are to rejoice over all the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for him.

Does that sound like false humility? Like someone receiving an Oscar who says, "I wasn't that good—it was all that my director, my producers, my wife and children, and my dog Snoopy did." No, when we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. When our offer of help is rejected, our prayers for a sick friend don't seem to be working, or our good advice is ridiculed, we can be confident that God has something else planned. Instead of being discouraged, we can trust that God's plan is working in ways we just can't see.

Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God, and he knows that the greatest thing Jesus did was to die for us. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. That is the real reason to rejoice.

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The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day. There will be only one bilingual mass that day at 9AM.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

JUNE 19, 2022

Tithing:	\$6,430.53
Children:	\$0.00
Total:	\$6,430.53

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JULY 4, 2022

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

JULY 4, 2022

<u>Monday</u>	
9:00am	
<u>Tuesday</u>	
8:30am	
12:00pm	
<u>Wednesday</u>	
8:30am	Lidia Mesa (D)
12:00pm	
<u>Thursday</u>	
8:30am	
12:00pm	
<u>Friday</u>	
8:30am	
12:00pm	
<u>Saturday</u>	
7:45am	
7:00pm	
<u>Sunday</u>	
8:00am	Phero Thong & Magarita Han (D)
9:30am	Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión y liberación; Santa Ortega (D); Teodora Mercedes (D)
	Jose Arturo Flores Manzaba (D), Leonardo (Leo) Picardo (D); Maria Del Carmen y Miguel Menjura (D)
11:30am	People of SNT
1:30pm	

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

We pray for the sick:

We pray for the dead:



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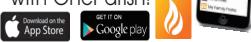
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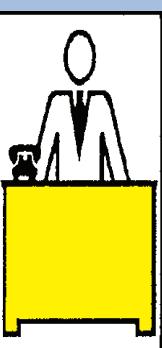
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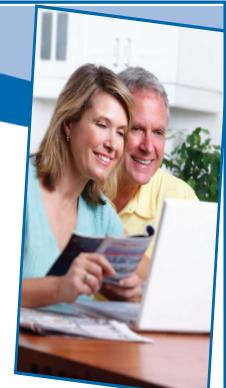
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