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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

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.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JULY 5, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 6

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Aurelia Ramos (D)

12:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary (D)

### Wednesday, July 8

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### Thursday, July 9

8:30 a.m. Maria Del Carmen & Miguel Menjura (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Friday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas Mendes (D), Nancy Cruz (D)

### Saturday, July 11

7:45 a.m. Phero Thong & Magarita (D)

7:00 p.m. Rigoberto Garcia Altamirano (D), Benera Sufron, Petra Ortiz, Damaris Sanchez, Wilberto Rivera, Angel Luis Figueroa (D)

### Sunday, July 12

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Miri family, Honor of the Holy Family

9:30 a.m. Domingo Rojas Mercado (D), Acción de gracias a Jesus Sacramentado por favores recibidos, Beatriz Alvarado & Luicia Cruz (D)

11:30 am Margaret Grossenbacher (D), Anton Dedvukaj (L), Honor of St Anthony, Baby Jesus

1:30 pm Gioan Chat & Maria Nghi (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

See, your king shall come to you;  
a just savior is he,  
meek, and riding on an ass,  
on a colt, the foal of an ass.  
(Zec 9:9)

### Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God. (Ps 145)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

For if you live according to the  
flesh, you will die,  
but if by the Spirit you put to  
death the deeds of the body,  
you will live. (Rom 8:13)

### Gospel:

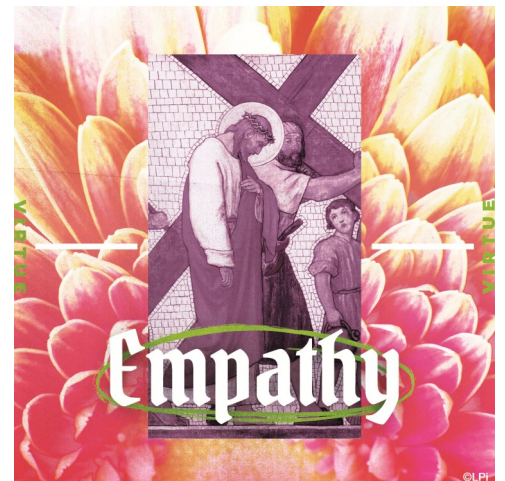
Take my yoke upon you and  
learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of  
heart;  
and you will find rest for  
yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

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## Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30  
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 11:25-30**

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **"They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'"** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The Smallness of Great Faith**

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, "Don't touch anything!" She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It's the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we've tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can't read?

A thought came to me so clearly: *Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?*

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

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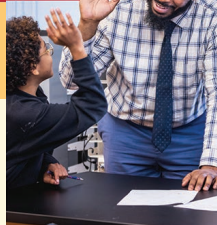
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