

Thirteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020



Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

On first reading, our Gospel seems very harsh. The idea of taking up our cross can be fearful or have negative connotations, as if it were something only a few can do. It is also confusing. Scripture tells us to honor our father and mother, and yet here we are told we must love Jesus more than our parents or children, or we are not worthy. The message that Jesus intends to convey, however, is not to give up these people, but rather to choose Christ first.

Sometimes this means being countercultural. For a family, how do we make choices to keep Christ in the picture? It could mean that when you make plans to take the family to that water park for the weekend, you should also locate the local church so you can attend Mass. Or maybe it means not placing your child on the soccer team with 10 a.m. Sunday games, or rescheduling another part of your life to keep Christ foremost. Perhaps it is something as simple as locking yourself in the bathroom for five minutes so that you have time to pray. Maybe it means listening to an audiobook of scriptures on your commute to work. All we do is for naught if we do not include Christ.

THERE ARE MANY "CUPS OF WATER"

Don't get caught up in taking this scripture literally. Yes, you may give someone a glass of water, invite the staff of your parish for a meal, hand an apple or a dollar bill to a homeless person, or take a shift in a shelter. But sometimes, what is being asked for is simply a kind word or a helping hand. Seeing an elderly person having trouble and helping them through the crosswalk, calming someone's toddler in the grocery store while they pay their bill. Offer a smile, a compliment, or a word of encouragement. Say hello to a stranger. We do not know who is parched with loneliness or feeling overwhelmed. Look for the Christ in others and respond with simple kindness and hospitality.

Today's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass: Saturday, 5:00PM
Sunday, 9:00AM
Tuesday, 8:00AM
Wednesday, 9:00-10:30AM
Thursday, 9:00-10:30AM
Friday, 8:00AM
Saturday, 5:00PM & Sunday, 9:00AM
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Welcome visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Jason McCormick. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Kathy Fleming. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR JULY

Our Families

That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



Mass—Intentions

- Sat 6/27** Pour Souls in Purgatory (M & M Kelly)
- Sun 6/28** Kathie Diegel Melton+ (M & M Laudt)
- Tue 6/30** Reid Hope (M & M Stephens)
- Wed 7/01** Frank Campisi+ (Marie Hansen)
- Thurs 7/02** Joe Cirasola+ (Marie Hansen)
- Fri. 7/03** Poor Souls in Purgatory (Rosary Makers)
- Sat. 7/04** Lou & Nonie Gillespie & Louise Diegel+ (Bridget Rich & M & M Laudt)

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962	<u>Attendance</u>
Offerings June 20th & 21st	\$ 3,560	Sat 29
		Sun 52

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Rev. Fr. Mike Snider

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading: We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel: Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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

THE CROSS AND HOPE: The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope. —Pope St. Leo I

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, June 27th at 5:00pm and Sunday, June 28th at 9:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

The **Welcome Committee** has decided that it would be prudent to not have the Ice Cream Social this August. We sure hope to have one in 2021.

St. Gregory Cathedral School is currently looking for a full time Pre-K 4 teacher for the 2020—2021 school year. College degree required. Experience is preferred. Please email resume to Mrs. Robin Perry at rperry@stgregory.info

The **Welcome Committee** is please to announce that we now have a third Holy Spirit highway sign. It is on the northwest side of the intersection of FM2869 and Hwy154. We already have two signs, one on the north side of Hwy. 80 just east of Hawkins and another sign across from the exit of Brookshire's in Hawkins. We extend appreciation to all who were instrumental in the achievement of this sign project. These include: Father Mike, Deacon Len, the Rosary Makers, the K.of C., David and Ruth Barber, Barb (White) and William Smith, Wanda Duke, the Exxon Company (across from Brookshire's), Jeff and Cathy Ellis and Cheryl Risinger. Our hope is that these signs will bring more of the faithful as well as visitors to Holy Spirit.

Dispensation: The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

Confessions: Tues., 6/30; Wed., 7/01; Thurs., 7/02 from 9:00—10:30am. Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

Food donations: Thank you so much for the nonperishable goods that you donated recently. Those items were very helpful to the people in need.

We are still in need of **16 oz peanut butter plastic jars; 12 oz bags of dried beans and we started collecting sundries.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm beginning June 24th.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382

Second Collections for the month of June:

6th & 7th: Building & Maintenance

20th & 21st: Retired Priest of the Diocese of Tyler

27th & 28th: **Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)**

We are in the need of a **volunteer to keep our website calendar up to date.** Please email (holy.spirit2@yahoo.com) or call Bridget at the church office 903-769-3235 if interested.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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