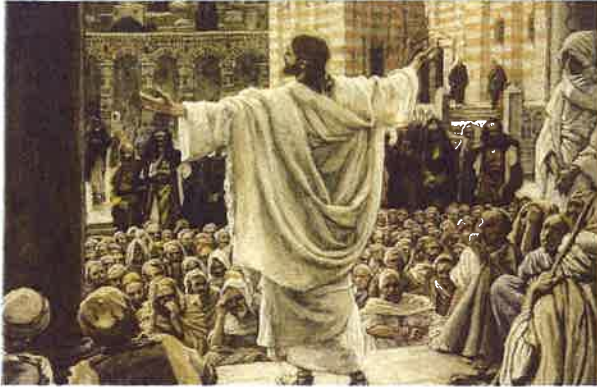


JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When the Sabbath came, Jesus began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

Mark 6:2

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was "I don't get no respect!" You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow "local boy makes good" just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to

a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" or are labeled "nones." Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

Today's Readings: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six (6) months prior to the anticipated date 903-769-3235

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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Kate Serres. John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: FIRST RESPONDERS.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). 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). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm : Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading: I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 7/03 Lou & Nonie Gillespie & Louise Diegel+ (Gillespie & Diegel Family)

Sun 7/04 For those that sacrificed their life for our freedom

Tue 7/06 Gayle McCloskey+

Wed 7/07 First Responders

Thurs 7/08 Frank Duff+ (Legion of Mary)

Fri. 7/09 Communion Service at 9:00am

Sat. 7/10 Mel Mulder (M/M Murfin)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through May 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,434

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,603

Attendance 6/26 Saturday 59 6/27 Sunday 67

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



Pope's Intention for July:

Social friendship. We pray that, in social economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

IDLENESS

Idleness is the enemy of the soul.

—St. Benedict

THE SHAPE OF THINGS

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

—St. Francis de Sales

NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

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Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

July Second Collections:
3rd & 4th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
24th & 25th: "Church in Africa."



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America

Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary in July, Aug. & Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. 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**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. **Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty
O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. Source: USCCB.org



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. We are in the need of pudding, jello and fruit cups; pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.

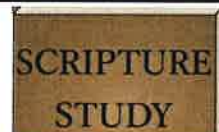
Thank you,
Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 1ST—
MONDAY, JULY 5TH**

**IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL
FR. MIKE—CELL PHONE: 903-490-3883**

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE JULY 4TH WEEKEND!

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?



You do? Great! Let's get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)

We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the "preferred" Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to **contact randymunoz80@hotmail.com**. Fill out the following info with your

NAME: _____ phone # _____ Place in collection basket or email Randy Munoz.

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

Morning _____ Evening _____ **When Would You Like To Start Scripture Study** In July 2021 _____ Aug. _____ Sept. _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format? Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____

Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 30 June 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 25 June 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

WHO WAS FR. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AND WHAT COULD MAKE HIM A SAINT?
<https://kofcpei.com/2020/10/30/who-was-fr-michael-mcgivney-and-what-could-make-him-a-saint/> (Continuing from last week.) ... Fr. Michael McGivney began his priestly ministry on Christmas Day in 1877 as curate at St. Mary's Church in New Haven. It was the city's first parish and he quickly learned that the wealthy residents of the community weren't happy about having a Catholic Church in their neighborhood. There was tension between the "classes" and it likely didn't add to Fr. McGivney's peace of mind that one of his first responsibilities was to minister to inmates at the county jail – including a young man scheduled for execution. The priest was beset with sorrow over the execution but was comforted by the man who was to be hanged: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now." Fr. McGivney was an activist in the best sense. He created catechism classes and a program to combat alcoholism in the Irish neighborhood. However, he believed some organization should be created to help with the financial and spiritual needs of families, especially when the breadwinner had died or was unable to work. He looked around for a model to follow among the nation's fledgling benevolent organizations and talked with numerous church leaders. From those explorations came what today is the Knights of Columbus. In the first public reference to the Order on February 8, 1882, the New Haven Morning Journal and Courier said the Knights of Columbus' initial meeting had been held the night before. On March 29, the Connecticut legislature granted a charter to the Knights of Columbus, formally establishing it as a legal corporation. The Order's principles in 1882 were "Unity" and "Charity." The concepts of "Fraternity" and "Patriotism" were added later. Fr. McGivney installed the first officers of San Salvador Council No. 1 in New Haven, in May of 1882. By May 1883, Council No. 2 had been instituted in Meriden, Connecticut and Bishop McMahan, so impressed with the organization, became himself a member of Council No. 11 in 1884 and served it as council chaplain. By the end of 1885, there were 31 councils in Connecticut. Today, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in the United States in 1882, it is named in honor of Christopher Columbus. There are more than 1.7 million members in 14,000 councils, with nearly 200 councils on college campuses. Councils have been chartered in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, the Philippines, Guam, Saipan, and most recently in Poland. Fr. McGivney moved on to become pastor of St. Thomas' Church in Thomaston, Connecticut, a factory town, where he continued to minister to families struggling with poverty and harsh working conditions. Like many on the path to sainthood before and after, he didn't avoid the stress of life. Never robust of health, he developed pneumonia in early 1890. None of the treatments doctors tried were effective. On August 14 of that year, he died at the age of 38 after serving just 13 years as a priest. But it can't be denied that those were 13 remarkable years that left a lasting impression. ...



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