

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may I help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

Whenever you go into a town and are made welcome, eat what is set before you, heal the sick in that town, and say to the people there, "The Kingdom of God has come near you". But when ever you go into a town and are not welcomed, go out in the streets and say, "Even the dust from your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. But remember that the Kingdom of God has come near you! I assure you that on the Judgement Day God will show more mercy to Sodom than to that town!

Luke 10: 8-12

June 26th Collection

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ORDINARY TIME: JULY 3rd Fourteenth Sunday

As Jesus traveled to Jerusalem from Galilee for the last time, St. Luke tells us He commissioned seventy-two disciples "whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His reliance on others to help Him proclaim the kingdom of God, He reminds us of Moses, who commissioned seventy elders to be prophets in Israel during the Exodus (see Num 11:24-25). The ministry of approximately seventy disciples, anticipates a worldwide spread of the Gospel. Jesus sees the readiness of the "harvest" of God's people. The world's long anticipation of Someone to come save it was now being fulfilled. Jesus speaks of the timing as entirely within God's Providence. Although the "harvest" is "abundant," it is God Who will choose and send the laborers to reap it. Jesus gives specific instructions to the disciples. This is to be a brief expedition, because Jesus Himself will follow after their visits. No need to pack and prepare for a long stay. Because of its brevity and urgency, announcing the arrival of Jesus, they must avoid all distractions ("greet no one along the way"). They are to accept the hospitality of those to whom they are sent. The disciples are to cure the sick and to preach the coming of God's kingdom. Those who do not receive them are to receive a warning. Jews were familiar with this action of shaking dust off their shoes. They did it whenever they traveled into Gentile territory and then returned to the Holy Land. It was a sign that they wanted to separate themselves from the uncleanness of the pagans, who lived outside God's covenant. For the disciples to use this gesture against Jewish towns that refused to receive them or Jesus would be a strong statement indeed, because it would suggest that the covenant people of God, by this rejection, were actually rejecting that covenant. Stiff medicine!

When the seventy-two returned from their work, what did they first want to tell Jesus? "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of Your Name." Ah, yes. Might we have expected this? And isn't this why it was risky for Jesus, then and now, to build His Church through human beings? The disciples returned with heady excitement over the authority they were able to exercise. It can be intoxicating to have power like this. Jesus acknowledges that His kingdom makes advances against the forces of Satan through the laborers in His Church. However, He warns them not to "rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." It will not be apostolic success that matters eternally; it will be the obedience that comes from faith that will write our names (and keep them) in the heavenly "book of life". Jesus was willing to take the risks that come with building a human Church, sharing His authority and power with mere men. What a remarkable statement of God's love for the creatures made in His image and likeness. May He give us grace to walk worthy of it.

Excerpted from Scripture Speaks, -Gayle Somers

Lord Jesus, help me stay focused on doing what You ask of me, not on the outcome.

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Bulletin Reflections:

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’” LUKE 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given “charisms” otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

With prayers and love,



Vocation View

Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.

July 2022 Mass Schedule

- July 2: 5:00 pm Mass**
- July 3: 10:00 am Mass**
- July 9: 5:00 pm Mass**
- July 10: 10:00 am Mass**
- July 16: 5:00 pm Mass**
- July 17: 10:00 am Mass**
- July 23: 5:00 pm Mass**
- July 24: 10 am Mass**
- July 30: to be announced**

Adoration Times

- Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**
- Friday 8:00 am - Noon**
- Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Weekly Readings

- 7/4—HOSEA 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; MAT 9:18-26
- 7/5—HOSEA 8:4-7, 11-13 MATT 9:32-38
- 7/6—HOSEA 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; MATT 10:1-7
- 7/7—HOSEA 11:1-4, 8E - 9 MATT 10:7-15
- 7/8—HOSEA 14:2-10 MATT 10:16-23
- 7/9 —ISAIAH 6:1-8 MATT 10:24-33
- 7/10—DEUT 30:10-14 ; COL 1:15-20 ; LUKE 10:25-37

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE SEVEN PETITIONS
IN BRIEF**

2857 In the Our Father, the object of the first three petitions is the glory of the Father: the sanctification of his name, the coming of the kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will. The four others present our wants to him: they ask that our lives be nourished, healed of sin, and made victorious in the struggle of good over evil.

2858 By asking "hallowed be they name" we enter into God's plan, the sanctification of his name—revealed first to Moses and then in Jesus—by us and in us, in every nation and in each man.

2859 By the second petition, the Church looks first to Christ's return and the final coming of the Reign of God. It also prays for the growth of the Kingdom of God in the "today" of our own lives.

2860 In the third petition, we ask our Father to unite our will to that of his Son, so as to fulfill his plan of salvation in the life of the world.

2861 In the fourth petition, by saying "give us," we express in communion with our brethren our filial trust in our heavenly Father. "our daily bread" refers to the earthly nourishment necessary to everyone for subsistence, and also to the Bread of Life: the Work of God and the Body of Christ. It is received in God's "today," as the indispensable, (super-) essential nourishment of the feast of the coming Kingdom anticipated in the Eucharist.

2862 The fifth petition begs God's mercy for our offences, mercy which can penetrate our hearts only if we have learned to forgive our enemies, with the example and help of Christ.

2863 When we say "lead us not into temptation" we are asking

God not to allow us to take the path that leads to sin. This petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength; it requests the grace of vigilance and final perseverance.

2864 In the last petition, "but deliver us from evil," Christians pray to God with the Church to show forth the victory, already won by Christ, over the "ruler of this world," Satan, the angel personally opposed to God and to his plan of salvation.

2865 By the final "Amen," we express our "fiat" concerning the seven petitions: "So be it".

Announcements

Thank you to everyone that came out and wished Father Bart good wished this past weekend. Thursday, we said farewell to Father Bart as he begins another chapter of his ministry. Thank You Father Bart for six years of spiritual enrichment and guidance at Our Mother of Mercy. We are grateful to Father Bart for his spiritual guidance. He has been a blessing to many.

Deacon Tom, Parish Life Coordinator, began in the office July 1st. The Deacon is encouraging parishioners to stay for the meeting next Sunday, July 10th after the 10:00 a.m. mass. He's ready to meet with everyone to gather information to continue to building the parish spiritually. The meeting will be held in the church in order to provide more space.

During the month of July, Father Bob will celebrate Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass on July 2, 9, 16, and 23rd. A priest assigned by Diocese will celebrate Sunday 10:00 a.m. masses. Adoration will continue every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 am - noon and Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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