



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm
	5:00pm

### Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am
Wednesday	6:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.  
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.  
Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;  
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.  
Anytime upon request.  
(Call for appointment.)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.



# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 30, 2024

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 29

4:00 p.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Deacon Klaus & Sharon Fricke

### Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m. + Margaret Sur  
10:30 a.m. + Jim Heady (Mary Freacker)  
12:30 p.m. + William Greenwald (The Greenwald Family)  
5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

### Monday, July 1

6:30 a.m. + Monica Long  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Bridget Vera (The Schilling Family)

### Tuesday, July 2

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (Central Ohio Purgatorial Society)  
8:15 a.m. Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

### Wednesday, July 3

6:30 a.m. + Richard Lumpe  
8:15 a.m. + Jack & Dorothy Gordon  
6:00 p.m. + Jon & Irene Altman

### Thursday, July 4

6:30 a.m. For a Spiritual Renewal of Our Nation  
8:15 a.m. For the People of the United States;  
may we truly live as "One Nation Under God"

### Friday, July 5

6:30 a.m. + Mary & Everett Lumpe  
8:15 a.m. + Mazie & Albinus Blaser

### Saturday, July 6

8:15 a.m. For our Ill & Infirm Parishioners  
4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

### Sunday, July 7

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Anthony Masic (Michael Fry Family)  
10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Stan Bradham  
(Rosemary & Mark Pomeroy)  
12:30 p.m. + Deacon Mickey Hawkins  
(Deacon Klaus & Sharon Fricke)  
5:00 p.m. + Msgr. Paul Langsfeld

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 23, 2024:

Envelopes ..... \$ 11,304.00  
Online Giving ..... \$ 9,711.00  
**Total: ..... \$ 21,015.00**

**Please note that the  
Parish Office will  
be closed on  
July 4th and 5th.**



### EXPERIENCE PIETRA ...

A whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. In one hour, you will feel calmer, stronger, and renewed! Join our **Pietra classes!** Saturdays this summer from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church. Contact Maria Elliott at [maria@viribuswellness.com](mailto:maria@viribuswellness.com) for more information or by using the QR code.

### BE AWARE – TEXT & EMAIL SCAMS

We have been the victim of multiple types of scams where emails and texts are being sent to parishioners from Father Mike seeking donations or gift cards. Please know that no one from our parish or school would ever solicit help in this manner. It is important to block any phone numbers reaching out to you in this way, or report phishing/spam filters for any emails you receive. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH CALENDAR JUNE/JULY

<b>SUNDAY, June 30</b>	Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for Father Wocjiec (MH)	<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	Parish Office Closed No Eucharistic Exposition
<b>Monday, July 1</b>	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	<b>Friday, July 5</b>	Parish Office Closed No Eucharistic Exposition
<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	9:00 a.m. SVDP Sandwich Making (MH)	<b>Saturday, July 6</b>	7:00 a.m. Pietra (Field) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>	6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	<b>SUNDAY, July 7</b>	Friendship Sunday after all Masses 2:00 p.m. Baptism (C)

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

## FROM THE PASTOR

**ON THIS THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,** our Gospel is *apropos* to life's journey of twists and turns, ups and downs, and curve balls coming out of nowhere. When we are knocked down, we need to be lifted up, and no matter when we are knocked down, Jesus is always there to pick us up. Especially, when we are ill, we need Jesus to pick us up and that is why a large part of the Church's ministry is in healthcare and looking after those who are ill. We are also aware of those who have received miraculous physical healings at shrines like Lourdes in France, Knock in Ireland, and closer to home, the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, just 90 minutes north of Columbus ([www.olcshrine.com](http://www.olcshrine.com)). They remind us that Jesus wishes to heal us today, just as He did in Palestine 2,000 years ago. Through the Church, Jesus continues to heal, taking those who are ill by the hand and saying, "Talitha koum," "...I tell you to get up" (Mark 5:41). Our readings today deal with sickness and death. We do our best to avoid sickness and death. That's reasonable, to a point, as there are many who have a certain level of fear of certain types of sickness that may result in death, and so we do our best to avoid talking about them. That is not reasonable. In fact, that is a denial of reality unfolding in a person's life, and then radiating into the lives of family members and loved ones. So how can we arrive at some understanding of the existence of sickness and death? How can we understand why that poor lady in the Gospel was suffering for years from hemorrhages, or why Jairus' daughter should die? How can we understand why good people that you know and that I know have become terribly sick or have died? Folks, look to the example of Jairus, who makes two acts of faith in Jesus. The first was his request that Jesus heal his infirmed daughter. But the second took even more faith. On the journey with Jesus to see his daughter, he received the sorrowful news that his daughter had died. Jesus' response to this was to turn to Jairus and say, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Clearly, Jairus responded to this command of love with faith and trusted that Jesus could even raise his daughter from the dead. As we ponder the faith of Jairus, consider the interior tension and pain he was experiencing. He was tempted by the political and peer pressure of the scribes and Pharisees who opposed Jesus. He was tempted to despair while his daughter's illness became increasingly worse. And when he heard she had died, he would have been tempted even more to despair when faced with the apparent fact that Jesus was too late. But he didn't give in to these temptations – instead, he continued to place his faith, hope and trust in Jesus. When Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, He saw many people who were "weeping and wailing loudly." When Jesus questioned their acts of despair, He said to them, "The child is not dead but asleep." But upon hearing this, they ridiculed Him. Clearly, the other people present did not have the hope and the faith that Jairus had. Therefore, it is also helpful to prayerfully meditate upon the contrast of Jairus and the others present. The story concludes with Jesus raising the girl from the dead. He then told those present to keep this miracle quiet. Jesus did not heal her to gain fame. He did not heal her to prove to the people who were despairing and without faith that they were wrong. Instead, He primarily healed her on account of the faith manifested by the girl's father. Finally, Jesus' divine love shining through His humanity is clearly seen when He says that "she should be given something to eat." Jesus did not stand there expecting praise from those present. Rather, His loving compassion shone through as He expressed His concern that this little girl must have been hungry. His love led Him to address this minor detail. Put yourself in the shoes of Jarius. How would you respond? With continued faith, hope and trust in Jesus, or by turning away from Jesus and seeking something else, someone else? What would you have done in the face of spiritual and moral opposition? Would you have turned to our Lord in trust and confidence? And when all human hope seemed lost, would you have maintained your trust in our Lord? The lesson for us all today – pray that the faith and hope of Jairus will inspire us in these real-life challenges, and commit ourselves to follow his holy example.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THUS FAR TO THIS YEAR'S APPEAL – CONTRIBUTIONS TO-DATE TOTAL \$401,820.33! THAT'S 80.3% OF OUR TOTAL GOAL OF \$500,000!** I appeal to those members of our parish family who have not yet contributed to the Appeal to do so, recognizing that these monies are to pay down our long-standing parish debts. You can write a check, place it in an envelope marked "APPEAL" and put it in the Offertory, mail it into the parish, or you can make your donation electronically. I made my \$2,000.00 donation via secure credit card (this way, I got my credit card points). Visit the secure webpage to make your contribution:

**<https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal-make-a-gift-now>**

**THANK YOU** for helping our parish pay off its long-term debts by contributing to this year's Appeal!

**THIS PAST WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26,** the Ordination Class of 2004 celebrated our 20th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Please say a prayer for us: Fr. Bill Hahn, Fr. Bob Kitsmiller, Fr. Mike Lumpe, Fr. Dave Young. It is both an honor and a joy to serve Jesus, His Church, and His people as a priest!

**THIS SUNDAY, JULY 7,** is a day that we bid farewell to Fr. Wojciech Stachura, who requested and received a year-long sabbatical by the Pallotine Fathers religious order of which he belongs. We appreciate Fr. Wojciech's ministry and presence with us during the past year, and pray for him during his sabbatical and for his future ministry.

**Dziękuję, Fr. Wojciech!**

– Fr. Mike



## The St. Vincent de Paul Society UPDATES

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to express our gratitude for the incredible generosity of this parish during our recent fill-up the pantry food drive! The food pantry shelves are stocked well with some much needed items as we continue to serve families in our community who are struggling. We would not be able to help these needy families without your ongoing support!

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store truck will be at St. Michael's on July 13th from 12:00pm-6:00pm and July 14th from 8:00am-2:00pm. Please consider donating any household goods that you no longer need/want. You have several weeks to clean out those closets, basements, garages, etc. and bring all the unwanted treasures to the truck for the benefit of people in need.

### FILL THE TRUCK!



## Sign Up Now!

### 40 Hours of Adoration

**9:00am Saturday, July 20 – 6:00am Monday, July 22**

*All those who are unable to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis are invited to unite our prayers with them as we pray for an increased awareness of the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.*

**SIGN UP NOW &  
HELP ENSURE  
EVERY HOUR IS  
FULL!**



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Sports Available:

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- Golf (Boys & Girls 6-8th grade, registration closes July 15)
- Volleyball (Boys & Girls 4-8th grade, registration closes July 15)
- Cheerleading (Girls 4-8th grade, registration closes July 15)
- Football (Boys 4-8th grade, registration closes July 15)
- Cross Country (Boys & Girls 4-8th grade, registration closes July 15)
- K-3 Soccer (Boys & Girls K-3rd grade, registration closes August 25)



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# WORTH REVISITING

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**As we approach Independence Day...**

**EXCERPT: HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II**

*Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore*

*Sunday, 8 October 1995*

*"Oh, that today you would hear his voice: harden not your hearts" (Ps. 95 (94): 7-8).*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

2. The Psalmist's call to hear the Lord's voice has particular significance for us as we celebrate this Mass in Baltimore. *Maryland was the birthplace of the Church in colonial America.* More than three hundred and sixty years ago, a small band of Catholics came to the New World to build a home where they could "sing joyfully to the Lord" (Ibid. 1) in freedom. Since those heroic beginnings, men and women of every race and social class have built the Catholic community we see in America today, a great spiritual movement of witness, of apostolate, of good works, of Catholic institutions and organizations.

3. In today's Gospel reading, the Apostles ask Jesus: "Increase our faith" (Lk. 17: 5). This must be our constant prayer. Faith is always demanding, because faith leads us beyond ourselves. It leads us directly to God. Faith also imparts a vision of life's purpose and stimulates us to action.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not a private opinion, a remote spiritual ideal, or a mere program for personal growth. The Gospel is the power which can transform the world! The Gospel is no abstraction: it is the living person of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, the reflection of the Father's glory (Cf. Hebr. 1: 2), the Incarnate Son who reveals the deepest meaning of our humanity and the noble destiny to which the whole human family is called (Cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Christ has commanded us to let the light of the Gospel shine forth in our service to society. How can we profess faith in God's word, and then refuse to let it inspire and direct our thinking, our activity, our decisions, and our responsibilities towards one another?

4. In America, Christian faith has found expression in an *impressive array of witnesses and achievements.* We must recall with gratitude the inspiring work of education carried out in countless families, schools and universities, and all the healing and consolation imparted in hospitals and hospices and shelters. We must give thanks for the practical living out of God's call in devoted service to others, in commitment to social justice, in responsible involvement in political life, in a wide variety of charitable and social organizations, and in the growth of ecumenical and interreligious understanding and cooperation. In a more global context, we should thank God for the great generosity of American Catholics *whose support of the foreign missions has greatly contributed to the spiritual and material well-being* of their brothers and sisters in other lands. The Church in the United States has sent brave missionary men and women out to the nations, and not a few of them have borne the ultimate witness to the ancient truth that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christianity. In my visits to Catholic communities around the world I often meet American missionaries, lay, Religious and priests.

5. Today though, some Catholics are tempted to discouragement or disillusionment, like the Prophet Habakkuk in the First Reading. They are tempted to cry out to the Lord in a different way: why does God not intervene when violence threatens his people; why does God let us see ruin and misery; why does God permit evil? Like the Prophet Habakkuk, and like the thirsty Israelites in the desert at Meribah and Massah, our trust can falter; we can lose patience with God. In the drama of history, we can find our dependence upon God burdensome rather than liberating. We too can "harden our hearts".

And yet the Prophet gives us an answer to our impatience: "If God delays, wait for him; he will surely come, he will not be late" (Cf. Hb. 2: 3). A Polish proverb expresses the same conviction in another way: *"God takes his time, but he is just"*. Our waiting for God is never in vain. Every moment is our opportunity to model ourselves on Jesus Christ – to allow the power of the Gospel to transform our personal lives and our service to others, according to the spirit of the Beatitudes. "Bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails": writes Paul to Timothy in today's Second Reading (2Tm. 1: 8). This is

no idle exhortation to endurance. No, it is an invitation to enter more deeply into the *Christian vocation* which belongs to us all by Baptism. There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our *faith*. This is our *witness* before the world.

6. Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: *openness to the Lord* – a willingness to let the Lord transform our lives – should produce a renewed spiritual and missionary vitality among American Catholics. *Jesus Christ is the answer to the question posed by every human life*, and the love of Christ compels us to share that great good news with everyone. We believe that the Death and Resurrection of Christ reveal the true meaning of human existence; therefore nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in our hearts. Christ died for all, so we must be at the service of all. "The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit... Therefore, never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord" (2 Tim. 1:7-8).

Thus wrote Saint Paul to Timothy, almost two thousand years ago; thus speaks the Church to American Catholics today.

Christian witness takes different forms at different moments in the life of a nation. Sometimes, witnessing to Christ will mean drawing out of a culture the full meaning of its noblest intentions, a fullness that is revealed in Christ. At other times, witnessing to Christ means challenging that culture, especially when *the truth about the human person* is under assault.

America has always wanted to be a land of the free. Today, the challenge facing America is to find freedom's fulfillment in the truth: the truth that is intrinsic to human life created in God's image and likeness, the truth that is written on the human heart, the truth that can be known by reason and can therefore form the basis of a profound and universal dialogue among people about the direction they must give to their lives and their activities.

7. One hundred thirty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln asked whether a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" could "long endure". President Lincoln's question is no less a question for the present generation of Americans. Democracy cannot be sustained without *a shared commitment to certain moral truths about the human person and human community*. The basic question before a democratic society is: "how ought we to live together?" In seeking an answer to this question, can society exclude moral truth and moral reasoning? Can the Biblical wisdom which played such a formative part in the very founding of your country be excluded from that debate?

Would not doing so mean that America's founding documents no longer have any defining content, but are only the formal dressing of changing opinion? Would not doing so mean that tens of millions of Americans could no longer offer the contribution of their deepest convictions to the formation of public policy? Surely it is important for America that the moral truths which make freedom possible should be passed on to each new generation. Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

8. How appropriate is Saint Paul's charge to Timothy! "*Guard the rich deposit of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us*" (2 Tim. 1:14). That charge speaks to parents and teachers; it speaks in a special and urgent way to you, my brother Bishops, Successors of the Apostles. Christ asks us to guard the truth because, as he promised us: "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (Jn. 8:32). *Depositum custodi!* We must guard the truth that is the condition of authentic freedom, the truth that allows freedom to be fulfilled in goodness.

We must guard the *deposit of divine truth handed down to us in the Church*, especially in view of the challenges posed by a materialistic culture and by a permissive mentality that reduces freedom to license. But we Bishops must do more than guard this truth. *We must proclaim it, in season and out of season*; we must celebrate it with God's people, in the sacraments; we must live it in charity and service; we must bear public witness to the truth that is Jesus Christ.

9. Catholics of America! Always be guided by the truth – by the truth about God who created and redeemed us, and by the truth about the human person, made in the image and likeness of God and destined for a glorious fulfillment in the Kingdom to come. *Always be convincing witnesses to the truth*. "Stir into a flame the gift of God" that has been bestowed upon you in Baptism. Light your nation – light the world – with the power of that flame! Amen.



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.*

**“A truly prayerful person will often approach Christ to ascertain whether they are pleasing or displeasing to Him.” +SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA**

**Monday, July 1 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time  
Saint Junípero Serra, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:18-22** When Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other shore. A scribe approached and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus answered him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.” Another of his disciples said to him, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.” But Jesus answered him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.”

**Meditation:** When the Lord Jesus calls us to follow him, he invites us into a personal relationship of love and friendship. That relationship also involves the commitment of our entire lives to Jesus as Lord and Master, Teacher and Healer, Messiah and Savior. To follow Jesus is the greatest of all calls. What an awesome privilege and an awesome responsibility to be a disciple of Jesus Christ! What does it cost to be a disciple? For the first disciples, they paid the ultimate price for being a follower of Jesus by not renouncing Christ as Lord, Savior, Messiah; by not renouncing Christ’s teachings; by being steadfast disciples of Christ. A disciple must be willing to make sacrifices, even the sacrifice of his own life to follow Jesus as his Master and Lord. Notice how another would-be disciple responded by saying that he must first bury his father, that is go back home and take care of his father until he died. Jesus appealed to the man’s heart and told him to detach himself from whatever might keep him from following as his disciple.

**Prayer:** O God, who by your ineffable mercy have been pleased through the labors of your priest Saint Junípero Serra to count many American peoples within your Church, grant by his intercession that we may so join our hearts to you in love, as to carry always and everywhere before all people the image of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What can keep us from giving our all to God? Fear, anxiety, self-concern, pre-occupation and attachment to other things, to name a few. Even spiritual things can get in the way of having God alone as our Treasure if we put them first. Detachment is a necessary step if we want to make the Lord our Treasure and Joy. It frees us to give ourselves without reserve to the Lord and to his service. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to place them at the service of the Lord and Master of the universe. We cannot out give God in generosity. Jesus promises that those who are willing to part with what is most dear to them for his sake “will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life” (Matthew 19:29). Is there anything holding you back from giving your all to the Lord?

**Prayer for Vocations:** O God, Who will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junípero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

**Tuesday, July 2 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27** As Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” He said to them, “Why are you terrified, O you

of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

**Meditation:** What is stronger than fear, even the fear of death? Scripture gives an answer: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). The Wisdom of Solomon tells us that "love is stronger than death" (Song of Songs 8:6). Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need.

**Prayer:** O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. Jesus is always present to us in our hour of need – especially in times of challenge, fear, and anxiety. Jesus was there for the first martyrs of Rome in their persecution in living out the teachings of Christ, just as he is present to us as we bring the teachings of Christ into our world – into our homes, our places of work, our schools, in our neighborhoods. The truth of Christ always prevails and flourishes, while dictators, fads, people and activist groups with their own personal agenda and other secular things wither like a dead tree limb. Never be afraid to promote the truth of Christ, and to live it to the fullest, no matter what opposition you may experience in life. Remember this simple prayer: "Jesus my Lord, my God, my all, you are the only foundation that can hold us up when trials and disaster threaten us. Give me the wisdom, foresight, and strength of character I need to do what is right and good and to reject whatever is false and contrary to your will. May I always meet the challenges and trials of life head on, knowing you are at my side. May I be a doer of your word and not a hearer only."

### **Wednesday, July 3 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**

**Holy Gospel: John 20:24-29** Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

**Meditation:** What gives us unshakeable hope and confidence in the face of death and defeat? The apostles abandoned Jesus in his hour of trial and lost hope when Jesus was handed over to the Romans for execution. They saw the cross as defeat rather than victory. They were slow to believe the reports of the resurrection until the Risen Lord appeared to them and reassured them of his presence and love. The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

**Prayer:** Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Contemplation:** It is through the gift of faith that we, too, are able to recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit reveals the Lord Jesus to us and helps us to grow in knowledge and understanding of God and his ways. Through the gift of faith we are able to proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in God's word and in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**Thursday, July 4 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time  
+ Independence Day +**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8** After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said: "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

**Meditation:** *Question:* What cripples the mind and heart and stifles the healing power of love? *Answer:* Sin and an unforgiving mind and heart! You should not be amazed at the fact that sin cripples us more than any physical ailment can. Sin is the work of the kingdom of darkness and it holds us in eternal bondage. There is only one solution to sin – the healing, cleansing power of Jesus' forgiveness. Jesus' treatment of sinners upset the religious teachers of the day. When a cripple was brought to Jesus because of the faith of his friends, Jesus did the unthinkable. He first forgave the man his sins. The scribes regarded this as blasphemy because they understood that only God had authority to forgive sins and to unbind a man or woman from their burden of guilt. Jesus claimed an authority which only God could rightfully give. Jesus not only proved that his authority came from God, he showed the great power of God's redeeming love and mercy by healing the cripple of his physical ailment.

**Prayer:** God of justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The crippled man in today's Gospel had been crippled not only physically, but spiritually as well. Jesus freed him from his burden of guilt and restored his body. It would be time well spent for each of us to look deeply and honestly at how we, too, may be crippled by our own sinfulness, and where we turn to for healing. It is all too easy to fall into the habit of letting society redefine what sin is and is not. Truth is truth, and sin is sin, as defined by God the Father (not civil or secular laws [e.g. abortion, same-sex marriage, etc.]), the timeless teachings of Jesus Christ (not talk show hosts, newspaper columnists, blogs, Supreme Court justices or government officials) and the one, true church – the Catholic Church – founded by Jesus Christ. Yes, we are sinners. And yes, all are welcome in the Catholic Church. But all are called to convert from sin – not to be affirmed on our sinfulness – and to submit ourselves to God, and to live our lives according to the will of God – not have God submit to us or to impose our will upon God. In this topsy-turvy world, there are many who place themselves and their wants, desires, lifestyle, et cetera, above God and, in doing so, recreate and relive the sin of Adam and Eve. It was our first parents who, tempted by Satan, determined what they thought was right and wrong and, in doing so, placed themselves before and above God. When we search for the truth, when we search for answers, for guidance and direction, for healing and reconciliation, for it is the Lord in his infinite love and mercy who is ever-ready to bring us healing of mind, body, and soul. His grace brings us freedom from the power of sin and from bondage to harmful desires and addictions. A first step – primary action – is receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a priest, who has the power to absolve you of your sins and to get you back on the road to follow Jesus Christ.

**On this Independence Day:** We would do well to recall and reflect upon the words of Pope Saint John Paul II: "For the Christian people of America conversion to the Gospel means to revise all the different areas and aspects of life, especially those related to the social order and the pursuit of the common good. It will be especially necessary to nurture the growing awareness in society of the dignity of every person and, therefore, to promote in the community a sense of the duty to participate in political life in harmony with the Gospel."

**Friday, July 5 ~ Thirteenth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13** As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

**Meditation:** We live in a world where Jesus constantly invites each of us to follow him. And yet, as we celebrate our country's birth this week, there are many reasons to celebrate the blessings that God has bestowed on our country, and causes for concern about the freedoms that some choose to exercise. During this week when we celebrate the birth of the United States of America, let's not declare our independence from God, but rather independence from those things (definition of a noun: any person place or thing) that lead us to sin, praying that our fellow citizens – men and women of all ages, walks of life, and religious faiths – will turn away from all that separates us from the love of God, and in doing so simply take up Jesus Christ on his personal invitation to each and every one of us when he says: "follow me."

**Prayer:** Grant, O Lord, that in the spirit of the Apostle Paul we may pursue the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, for, having learned it, Saint Anthony Zaccaria constantly preached your saving word in the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What is God's call on your life? When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his tax office – no doubt counting his day's profit – Jesus spoke only two words – "follow me." Those two words changed Matthew's life forever, from a self-serving profiteer to a God-serving apostle who would bring the treasures of God's kingdom to the poor and needy. Jesus says "follow me" to every man and woman on this earth. How do you respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him? Take Christ up on his personal invitation to "follow me," and in doing so let your life be forever changed.

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**Prayer offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch**  
**July 3, 1974 in the U.S. House of Representatives**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalms 33:12).

*Eternal God, stir thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world. Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Thy Holy Name and the good of our nation and of all mankind. Amen.*



# THE EUCHARIST

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## **Eucharistic Adoration: A Window to Heaven**

*by Fr. Raymond T. Gawronski, S.J.*

There is no monitor or video screen at Eucharistic adoration, no figures or colors shifting across the screen. We simply sit and pray before a round piece of consecrated bread encircled by light. That bread is the Body of Christ, the consecrated Host, before which countless Catholics gaze in rapt adoration throughout the world.

Why? There is no action here: here the action is being, the very being of God. Martha goes busily about, tending to all the needs of the world. Here, before Jesus in sacramental form, Mary finds her place, seated at the feet of the Beloved.

“Jesus Christ: body, blood, soul and divinity.” If anyone ever seems unsure about just what happens to the bread during Mass, I repeat this phrase taught Catholics from time immemorial, indicating precisely what—or rather, Who—is present in what appears to be bread, but is bread no longer.

There is no want of corrosive doubt these days. Yet much doubt on the seemingly lesser mysteries of our faith reveals a lack of faith in the central mysteries. “Do you really mean to tell me that the consecrated bread is Jesus Christ?” It flows from the question: “Do you really mean to tell me that this man, Jesus Christ, is *God*?” “Yes!” witnesses the Church: “God has become man in Jesus Christ.” The Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit – one God, three Persons.

And if we read Chapter 6 of John’s Gospel, with the mind of the Church, it is perfectly clear that He, the Son of God, extends His incarnation in the world by transforming bread and wine into himself for us. The statement stands boldly and nakedly at the heart of our Catholic worship: “This is My Body .... This is My Blood.” At that moment, heaven and earth become one in this bread and wine, which are God become food for His world.

Mystics throughout history have experienced tremendous graces in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. And so have ordinary people, the eyes of whose hearts are opened by faith.

Recently, a friend told me he found himself in one of the periodic bouts of restlessness we all, I suppose, experience. “Ah,” he thought, “if only I were in a hermitage or a monastery, removed from the pressures of worldly life, how close I could be again to the Lord!” Yet one morning as he said Mass, his heart heard an admonition, as from the Host on the altar, saying: “I am right here and you have no need to go anywhere else.” Incredible.

I sometimes ask my students where they can find Jesus Christ. True to the radical humanism of our day, they like to point to themselves, or point to other people. Well, yes, I say, in a way that is true. “But,” I ask, “if you wanted to be with Christ directly, personally: if you wanted to pour out your heart to Him -- just you and He—if you wanted to adore Him Who is God made man, where would you go?” Eventually, one hand is sheepishly raised in the classroom and a witnessing voice quietly says, “He is in the tabernacle in Church—the Catholic Church.”

He is as much present in the tabernacle near our homes as He is at the Vatican, or Jerusalem, at Lourdes, Fatima or any other holy place to which people travel. In fact, no place on earth is more holy than the tabernacle in our local sanctuary. Every Mass, every consecration is a miracle, greater by far than any other, really: for God to come into matter and transform it into himself is far greater than His creating that matter in the first place.

That is why, of course, Catholics have always shown a special reverence in their churches by genuflecting when entering the presence of the sovereign King who is really and truly there; by assuming stances of adoration, kneeling, for it is in fact God who is present there; by keeping silent in His presence, so that He might speak and we might hear what He has to say.

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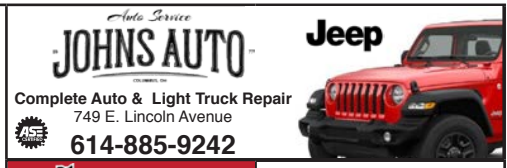


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