



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

June 25 / 26, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:

Saturday

5:00 pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help:**

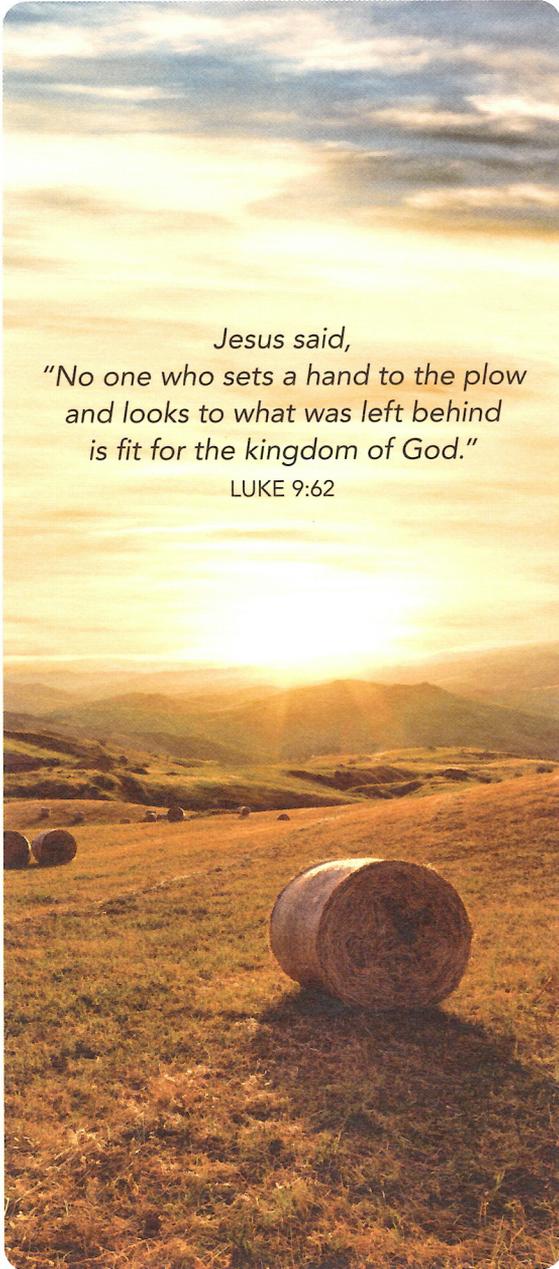
Sunday:

8:30 am Confession

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday & Thursday:

5:30 pm



*Jesus said,
"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God."*

LUKE 9:62

What Are You Willing to Pay?

Everyone appreciates a bargain. However, there are some things we would give almost anything to acquire. Who or what determines the value of something? Some things are esteemed because they are old; some because they are rare. Often the value might really be in the meaning it holds for the one who desires or prizes it. We might want a house because it reminds us of our treasured childhood home. We might cherish a sweater that belonged to a loved one now passed. The price we are willing to pay indicates the value we give to it, and that price is not always monetary.

Elisha was in line to succeed the prophet Elijah. However, Elisha was required to consider everything else as second in importance to his commitment to this prophetic charge, even a son's responsibility to bid farewell to his parents. A parallel situation is found in the Gospel passage. At first glance one might think this is an extreme, even inhuman, demand. It should be noted, however, in neither situation was close following of a prophetic individual demanded of the person who wished to be a disciple. Each person first volunteered for that way of life before the price of following was revealed.

Various possible life directions are set before all of us. We are free to choose. However, the depth of our desire for our choice is measured by our willingness to pay the price that choice might exact. The price required for committing oneself to the reign of God is...everything!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *What do you cherish more than anything else?*
- ✦ *Does the object you cherish most reveal the way you are establishing the reign of God in your life?*

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<i>June 25 / 26 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>July 2 / 3 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	June 26	July 3	June 25	July 2
Lector	Joe McNaughton	Amanda Hall	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
June 25 / 26	Intentions of Catholic Extension Donor	Intentions of Catholic Extension Donor
July 2 / 3	Intentions of Catholic Extension Donor	Intentions of Catholic Extension Donor

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
June 18 / 19		\$227.00

There will be a second collection this weekend for "Peter's Pence". Please give generously

May God bless you for your generous contributions to our Church.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.

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Reading I

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah:

"You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth.

Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him.

Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said,

"Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you."

Elijah answered, "Go back!

Have I done anything to you?"

Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat.

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you.

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,

you it is who hold fast my lot."

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Reading II

Gal 5:1, 13-18

Brothers and sisters:
For freedom Christ set us free;
so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters.
But do not use this freedom
as an opportunity for the flesh;
rather, serve one another through love.
For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement,
namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
But if you go on biting and devouring one another,
beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit
and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh;
these are opposed to each other,
so that you may not do what you want.
But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Alleluia

1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68c

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled,
he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem,
and he sent messengers ahead of him.
On the way they entered a Samaritan village
to prepare for his reception there,
but they would not welcome him
because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.
When the disciples James and John saw this they asked,
"Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven
to consume them?"
Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him,
"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."

And to another he said, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father."
But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead.
But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
And another said, "I will follow you, Lord,
but first let me say farewell to my family at home."
To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

REFLECTION

Today's readings are about God's call and man's commitment in answer to that call. They ask one for total commitment made in total freedom with the spirit of patient love, that is, to say an unconditional "Yes" to Jesus and to the Christian life, as a true disciple of Christ.

The first reading describes how Elisha committed himself whole-heartedly to answer God's call to be a prophet, in spite of his initial hesitation, when God called him through the prophet Elijah. In the second reading Paul warns that true freedom is not meant to be a license for self-indulgence, but to be a way to show God, ourselves, and other human beings our commitment to God and to His service.

The first part of today's Gospel records Jesus' teaching on Christian tolerance, given after he had observed an angry response of two of his apostles, James and John, who were angry at the Samaritans who had refused to receive Jesus as a prophet and allow him to travel through their village because Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem. They asked Jesus if he wanted them to bring down fire from Heaven to destroy them!

In the second part of today's Gospel, Luke introduces three potential disciples who offered lame reasons that made Jesus' call to ministry "impossible" for them to accept, after Jesus had told them plainly what the commitment required, and the cost involved. They were found unfit and unprepared to follow Jesus as his disciples. We too, are asked to follow Jesus, totally and immediately, without any reservations, both by giving priority to him and to his cause and by surrendering our lives to God in humble and dedicated service to others.

As Christians, we should have the courage of our convictions and so honor our commitments:

- a) **The marriage commitment.** The spouses are expected to honor their marriage commitment, that is, to remain in mutual love and respect till their death and to raise their children to be zealous Christians.
- b) **The priestly and religious commitment:** Priests, Deacons and religious should honor the commitment they have made to obey their lawful superiors, to keep their vows, and to spend their lives serving God's people faithfully.
- c) **The Christian commitment:** As Christians, all of us should honor our Baptismal commitment, and to bear witness to him through ideal and transparent Christian lives.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
June 27*

*Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr ~ Memorial
June 28*

***SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES ~ Solemnity**
June 30*

**Saint Junípero Serra, Priest
July 1**

**BVM
July 2**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold & Geneva Couch, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry (born at 24 weeks), Fiona York, Norma Jones, and Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims and Eric Vore.

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We currently have a vacancy on the *parish financial council* that we must fill to ensure the validity of our actions. The council is responsible for assisting father with the oversight of parish income and expenses. Anyone wishing to fill this vacancy, please contact Fr. Lobo, Joe McNaughton, or any council member. It is not necessary to have a background in finance.

Dear Padre,

After Mass, someone told me she overheard some people speaking wrongly about me. She defended me but wouldn't say what was said, or by whom. This troubles me. How should I deal with it?

First, consider why indulging in gossip is so prevalent. People leading uneventful lives often have an unhealthy interest in others' affairs, and they desire to gossip about it. Those who consider themselves to be poor conversationalists may gossip to feel important by imparting information that is seemingly in demand. Others resort to character assassinations out of jealousy or envy.

Because gossip easily spreads into a distortion of the truth, it can be, as Pope Francis said, "a plague more awful than COVID!" Some people permissibly spread gossip only when the truth of the rumor has been verified; for others, the truth of the matter is irrelevant. Regardless, when people gossip about us behind our backs—depriving us of our own input and version of the truth—we can feel victimized and defenseless.



decide how much attention a rumor deserves—and generally, the less time and energy we devote to rumors, the better we are!

Yet we aren't completely powerless. Just because something is perceived as the truth about us doesn't mean we have to accept it as such. (Nevertheless, in cases when we know what is said, we should honestly ask ourselves if there's any truth to it.) While we have no control over what people say about us, we can ultimately

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip...usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip....The great gossipier is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church, to distance brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Am 2:6–10, 13–16

Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

JUNE 28

St. Irenaeus,

Bishop and Martyr

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

JUNE 29

Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Thursday

JUNE 30

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

JULY 1

Weekday

Am 8:4–6, 9–12

Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

JULY 2

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

JULY 3

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Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

or 10:1–9

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a question for
the Padre?**

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