

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Go on your way;
behold, I am sending you
like lambs among wolves."

Luke 10:3



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CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.

Pray Daily for Vocations

Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.

Luke 10:41-42

Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious?

Talk to a priest or contact Fr. Rodel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: vocations@dioceseofbmt.org.

DEAR PADRE

At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves?

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed.

The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

GOOD NEWS

If you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to "bloom where you are planted," sometimes we can feel as if we've been planted among weeds—the people we've been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we've been sent. It is in the lives we have that we work out our salvation, for Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we've been planted.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

—James Field

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5, 4:30 p.m.
+Deceased & Liiving of Schmitt Family

Sunday, July 6, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family

Tuesday, July 8 5:00P.m.
Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service
+Sylvia Mires

Wednesday, July 9, 8:30 a.m.
+McBride Family

Thursday, July 10, 8:30 a.m.
Couvillion & Schroder Families

Friday, July 11, 8:30 a.m.
(Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)
Deceased of Patronella & Lestage Families

Saturday, July 12, 4:30 p.m.
+Fr. Rob Young

Sunday, July 6, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family

July 6—12

Chapel Sanctuary Candle
Ronald Hebert

Church Sanctuary Candle
Taylor & Ricard Family



PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Shirley Goss, Lyndia Patronella, Kathy Fuqua, Denese Bass, Robert Marroquin, Michael Anderson, Marie Cormier, David Waller, Joan Gunn, Charissa Broussard, Rita Bourliea, Vivian DeJohn, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Steven Campbell, Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giarratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, Milton Westbrooke, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandy McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Bureson, Faye Richard, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Doris Touns, DeAnn Lumpkin, Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).

July 6—12

WEDNESDAY

Soup Kitchen 11:30—12:30 a.m.

ST. MARY

June 28—29

ENVELOPES.....	\$ 5,979.00
LOOSE.....	\$ 967.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$ 1,352.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 8,298.00

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Scripture Readings For the Week of July 6, 2025

Sunday **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday Gn 28: 10-22a; Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab;
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 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 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday **Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot**
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 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

To help us better provide for your spiritual needs, if you are anticipating surgery and wish to receive the anointing of the sick please contact the Parish Office prior to entering the hospital.



Please Pray for Service Men & Women

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael & Brooke Chalambaga, Troy Thomassee, John Ardoin III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle, Nathan Hughes, Devin Waller, Colby Hughes



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