

Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021



*Many who heard Jesus were astonished.
They said,
"Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?"*

Mark 6:2,3

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 8:30 AM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

MASS AND ADORATION

Tuesday: 8:30 AM MASS
9:00 AM ADORATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thursday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM

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Welcome to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message will uplift and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know our doors and hearts are always open to you.



WORSHIP WITH US

All church capacity restrictions have been lifted. Masks are not required for those fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated you are on your honor to wear a mask. You do not need to pre-register for attendance. You may enter and exit through any church door. You may sit where you like. However, please respect the personal space of others. The Sacristy remains off limits to parishioners. Hand sanitizer will be available for your use. If you feel ill or have symptoms of COVID - 19, please do not attend. If you become COVID positive within 3 days of attending a service at the church or any church function, you are obligated to inform the Rectory office at 708-333-3550.

The **10:30 Drive In Mass** will continue, please park in the north end of the parking lot. Tune your radio to **90.7 FM**.

Thank you for worshipping with us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 3

4:00 PM John & Veronica Nazimek by Ann Nazimek

Sunday July 4

8:30 AM Spencer Leigh Minton by Janice Minton †
Daniel P. Wojciechowski by Wojciechowski Family †

10:30 AM Victoria Turton (Remembrance) by Turton Family †
Joseph Kula (Death Anniversary) by Zofia Kula †
Pearl Klein by Miles & Klein Families †

Monday July 5

8:30 AM Gwendolyn Stevenson by Christ Our Savior Parish †

Tuesday July 6

8:30 AM John & Mary Turton (Wedding Anniversary)

Wednesday July 7

8:30 AM Thomas Devanis by Ivy Devanis †

Friday July 9

8:30 AM Francisco Turton (Remembrance) by Turton Family †
Loretta Rakowski by Carol Wojciechowski †
Dan P. Wojciechowski by Carol Wojciechowski †

Saturday July 10

4:00 PM Ausilia Stern by Carol Wojciechowski †
Joseph Nazimek by Wife, Ann Nazimek

Sunday July 11

8:30 AM Margaret Brochu by Jim & Diane Ostarello †
Thomas Devanis by Ivy Devanis †
10:30 AM Mae Joyner by Nate Joyner †
Denise Joyner by Nate Joyner
Margaret Chavers - In Thanksgiving

To request a Mass intention in memory of a loved one, for a member of your family, in celebration of an anniversary or birthday, please contact the rectory office or put a note in the weekly collection. The stipend is \$10.



Weekly Collection

June 27, 2021 \$ 5,580.00

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Congratulations

We rejoice at the Baptism of
Angel Martin Castillo
&

Ebubechukwu Miracle Ogugua

May God bless these children and their families as they begin their Christian lives.



The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist
for the month of **July** is a gift from
Ronald & Patricia Slusarski

The hosts used at Mass for the Eucharist
for the month of **July** is a gift from
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Please pray for the soul of
Richard Jaworowski.
May his soul, and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.



PRAY ALWAYS

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\$plit the Pot Raffle has arrived. The offertory envelope package you receive monthly contains a \$5.00 \$plit the Pot envelope. In order to enter the monthly drawing, drop your envelope with \$5 enclosed in the collection box. To increase your chances of winning, additional \$5 envelopes will be available at the church exit doors. The drawings will be done monthly, on the Monday following the last Sunday of the month. The July drawing will be held on July 26.

GOOD LUCK !**Pray for the Sick**

Gerard Azor, John Bromly, Jay Canna, Angelique Carter, Margaret Chavers, Jorge Chevere, Matt Cline, Dolores Cox, Franklin Crevier, Bill Doptson, Mary Faulkner, Richard Freeman, Eugene Gray, Laura Harris, Ann Herman, Ruby Ingram, Dolores Janich, Robert Kelliher, Mike Kelly, Kathleen Koleno, Walter Komanski, Loretta Kujawa, Eason Lynch, Marilyn McAllister, Sonia Martorell, Daniel Mendez, Gerry Misch, Marian Panny, Marian Peters, Linda Powell, Daytona Read, Natalia Rehberg, John Roberts, Terry Ross, Ava Rupp, Thomas Ruvoli, Marie Sears, Tom Sheeran, Tim Spratte, Marianne Sucharzewski, Joe Szuba, Duane Taylor, Dolores Vanco, Denise Washington, Debra Worthy, Vicente Zamora

If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put your name on the prayer list. Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless we are notified the person has not recovered. Please contact the parish office at 708-333-3550 and leave a message if you would like to have your love one on the list for another four weeks.

MEMORIAL MASS

Reverend Anthony Tallarico
Saturday, July 10, 2021
10:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office
708-333-3550 if you are planning to attend.

**Prayer for our Nation**

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Source: BostonCatholic.org

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Jim Wolf Sr.



Wake: Thursday, July 8, 2021 3:00 - 8:00 PM
Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
15525 73rd Avenue
Orland, Park, IL

Mass: Friday, July 9, 2021 10:00 AM
Christ Our Savior Parish

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

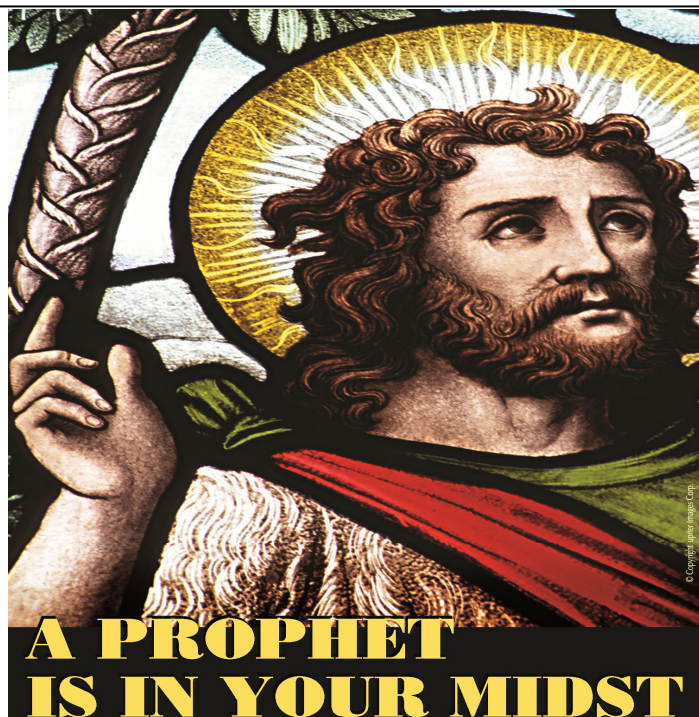
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

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; Mk 6:7-13



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Strength in Weakness

Is Paul serious? Can you imagine being content with "weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions?" (2Cor 12:10) Paul never specifies what that "thorn in the flesh" was. I used to think it referred to a physical weakness, or disability. But some of the commentaries I've read say that it was a person who opposed Paul (think of a "thorn in my side.") That opponent may have been a Christian who Paul did not want to mention by name.

Paul could have been proud of all that God revealed to him, and of all that he accomplished in spreading the gospel. He sees that "thorn" as God's way of keeping him humble. So instead he boasts about his weaknesses. He knows that all the good work he has done have been accomplished by Christ. So he accepted suffering, rejection, setbacks and persecution because they helped him see how much Christ was doing through him.

We can learn a lot from St. Paul. Remember how Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul loved himself in the good sense of accepting his faults and weaknesses. He was always aware that he once persecuted Christians. But that fault enabled him to experience God's forgiveness. I usually try to avoid doing things that show my weaknesses. That means I might miss a chance to see how God can help. Suppose you don't know how to swim, so you stay out of swimming pools. Of course, then you could never learn to swim. But if you get in the water and let someone teach you, you might just find yourself liking the water.

St. Paul says that when he is weak, then he is strong. He knows that God will still work through him, showing God's power to heal the sick and draw converts to Christ, in spite of Paul's weaknesses. Paul did what he could to encourage others to follow Jesus, but he knew the results of his preaching and healing were up to God. When you think that you would fail at spreading the faith, remember Paul and give your weaknesses to God. Then see what he can do!

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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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A prophet is not without honor except in his native place

My dear friends, have you ever been in a situation where people did not listen to you or pay attention to you simply because they knew you or knew your past? This happens regularly in our families; so and so cannot tell me what to do; they are crazy and their past is not that clean. Sometimes people may disregard your advice merely because they know your background, your weaknesses and your failures, or simply because of your level of education.

The Son of God like any of us had to deal with these human flaws. In this weekend's Gospel the people in Jesus' native place did not pay attention to Him because either they knew His earthly origins or were in a way envious of Him. Envy, my friends, is the dissatisfaction with what a person has and clinging to what belongs to another. We can envy people for their looks, their possessions, their knowledge, or their relationships wishing we could take their place.

Jealousy, on the other hand is the fear that what is ours may be lost to another. Both envy and jealousy deprive people of their inner peace as they devise ways to eliminate the person they perceive as standing in the way to their personal fulfillment. Envy breeds hatred and sorrow. An envious person always looks at the downfall of others and does not wish them success.

We see this in the Garden of Eden, Satan was envious of Adam and Eve's relationship with God and ended up tempting them to go against God. As a result they were all cursed including Satan himself. In the wilderness still Satan out of envy tried to compromise our Lord's relationship with His father; "if you are the Son of God..." Envy is the worst vice and its ramifications can be very catastrophic. We see this in this weekend's Gospel, we hear that because of their lack of faith Jesus did not perform many miracles there except curing a few sick people by laying His hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Are you envious of others, do you appreciate others and see the good in them? Do you generally focus on the failures of others rather than improving yourself and putting to good use your natural talents?

May the Lord bless us all and keep us safe.

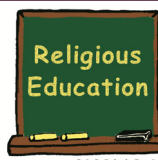
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

Volunteers



"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance"
(Colossians 3:23-24)

Lectors, Ushers and Altar Servers are needed for our weekend services. Please contact the Rectory office if you are able to volunteer.



"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20)

Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of volunteers in the fall for our weekly Religious Education classes, Sunday Preschool and Liturgy of the Word. Please consider sharing your time and talents with our young people. The success of our program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish. All volunteers must complete a Virtus training session and a background check as required by the Archdiocese. An additional benefit of participation in this ministry is the deepening of your own faith as you share your experiences with our young people. Please email Marsha Johnson at cosre20@gmail.com or leave a message at the rectory office 708 - 333 - 3550.

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