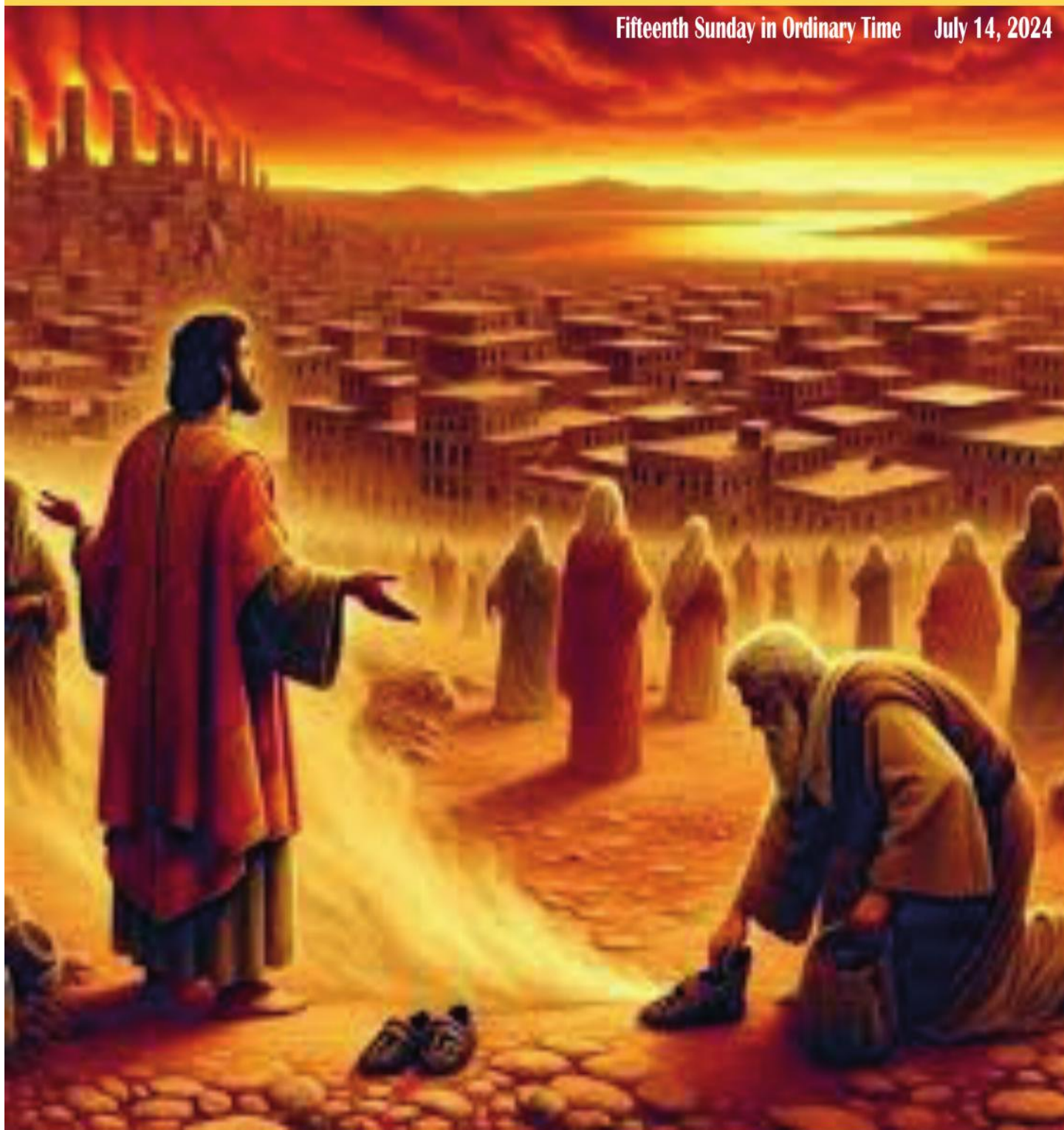


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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Widow's Group—Thursday 11:00 a.m. Vera's Seafood

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

LOVE IS VULNERABILITY

Love is vulnerability; willingness to lose that which is most dear to you. We lost our first child ten years ago and it was the most gut-wrenching feeling ever. To take the risk of this happening again whenever I have been pregnant has felt unbearable, like having your heart open and exposed, waiting for a sword to potentially strike it at any moment. Jesus' love for us is similar, wide open, but to an infinitely greater degree. He continually gives us everything. He was willing to lose and be rejected for our sake. He was ridiculed and despised, yet forgave.

How often do I reject Jesus? I am always surprised on Good Friday how so many don't want to read out loud as part of the Crowd during the reading of the Passion. Over and over again, we are complicit in the crucifixion through our sins. Sometimes it is my active actions and other times I am quietly passive and allow the injustices of the world to continue. Yet the wonder of Christ, His glorious perfection, is that He still loves me, despite my many shortcomings. He knows my faults yet is not afraid to take on the whole world for me!

St. Augustine famously declared, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." It always feels like something is missing, like I'm a puzzle piece waiting to be added to something that needs completing. We can often embrace the allures of today's world while foregoing the heavenly gifts that await us tomorrow. We must remember over and over again that we belong not to this world, but to God's kingdom. As a child of God, thirst for that water which provides eternal comfort, that of Christ's peace!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 15

(Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Mt 9:18-26)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 16

(Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38)

8:00 a.m. Israel Landry

Wednesday, July 17

(Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 18

(Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15)

8:00 a.m. Noel Cusimano, Sr.†

Friday, July 19

(Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23)

8:00 a.m. Danny Ragusa, Sr.†

Saturday, July 20

(Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Roberto Sternheim†, Steve McInerney†, Earline Garitty†, John Lacourrege†, Claude Yarborough†

Sunday, July 21

(Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13)

7:00 a.m. Matthew DeCarlo†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Darlene Laughlin Matherne†, Tammy Gilbert†, Bernadette Landry†, Richard/Kittel Family, Catherine Lambert†, Clarence & Ann Cazalot & Family, Marvin & Patti Wingerter & Family, Veronica Wingerter, Courtney Siemssen†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 342

Year to Date: 8917



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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!

Tom Schmidt,

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading – Amos 7:12-15

As followers of Christ, are we fulfilling our vocation? Do we nurture and use our God-given gifts of talent and skills to do so?

Psalm 85:9-14

Christian stewards understand that in following the Lord, in His kindness and truth, He promises the benefits of justice and salvation.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

As Christian stewards, we understand God's great gift in choosing us to be holy and filled with love for Him and others. How are we doing in answering God's call?

Gospel – Mark 6:7-13

The apostles answered Jesus' call and in His name went out to use His gifts to heal the sick and drive out demons. Are we using God's gifts to us faithfully to build up His kingdom?

Stewardship Thought

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the Twelve. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent? (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 20).



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Antonian Christmas tree is in the back of church for their annual Christmas in July. This program helps replenish the supplies that are much needed for the Crises Pregnancy Center and Safe Harbor, a center for battered women, to help those who are in need. You can help these programs by taking a tag or two and purchasing the requested item. Place items in the box in the back of church or drop them off at the office during office hours. Please do not wrap items, instead, tape the tag to the item to indicate which center the item is designated for. The Antonians will be bringing the items to the centers at the beginning of August, so please have all items to the church by Wednesday, July 31st. As always, thank you for supporting the works of the Antonians.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus' visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the *bema*, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the *bema*, the ambo, almost an "altar of the Word of God." Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into use, meant for preaching rather than proclamation of scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar.

Today, the ambo (the plural is "ambone") is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has once again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture.

—Rev. James Field

PILGRIMAGE DAY 9 VATICAN MUSEUM



PASTOR'S CORNER

After the papal audience we went to celebrate mass at an ordinary church in Rome since the Basilicas were unavailable to celebrate mass this day. This “small ordinary church in Rome” named Santa Maria Delle Grazie Alle Fornaci, easily rivaled most other church’s in America except the Cathedrals in each diocese. I say this to give you a perspective as to how beautiful churches in Rome are. After mass we visited the Vatican museum. We were told by our guide that there is so much to see in the Vatican Museum that it would take a month to see all of what is inside. Just hearing that statement did not give me a perspective of what we would see upon entering the museum. After seeing the museum for myself I believe her statement. I found these next two paragraphs very informative about the museum. The Vatican Museums (Italian: Musei Vaticani; Latin: Musea Vaticana) are the public museums of Vatican City. They display works from the immense collection amassed by the Catholic Church and the papacy throughout the centuries, including several of the most well-known Roman sculptures and most important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world. The museums contain roughly 70,000 works, of which 20,000 are on display, and currently employs 640 people who work in 40 different administrative, scholarly, and restoration departments. It was Pope Julius II who founded the museums in the early 16th century. The Vatican Museums trace their origin to a single marble sculpture, purchased in the 16th century: Laocoön and His Sons was discovered on 14 January 1506, in a vineyard near the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. Pope Julius II sent Giuliano da Sangallo and Michelangelo, who were working at the Vatican, to examine the discovery. On their recommendation, the Pope immediately purchased the sculpture from the vineyard owner. The Pope put the sculpture, which represents the Trojan priest Laocoön and his two sons, Antiphantes and Thymbraeus being attacked by giant serpents, on public display at the Vatican exactly one month after its discovery. The Museum is truly quite grand. For instance there are many large rooms and more rooms filed with hundreds of marble statues of everything under the sun. One room had all kinds of animals, like deer, foxes, sheep, horses, cows, dogs, as well as people. Some of these statues were recovered from old pagan temples as well as from many other Roman shrines of antiquity like the colosseum and other buildings going back thousands of years. There are massive halls and corridors with paintings of maps of the known world dating back centuries. There are so many beautiful paintings of Jesus and Mary as well as the saints. There are paintings on the walls and ceilings in some places. There is an elaborate black marble bath tub. There was on display the red marble sarcophagus of the daughter of Constantine, which was very expensive. One wall had a painting of Jesus walking out of the tomb with guards in shock. It covered half of that wall. One of the main reasons the Vatican Museum exists is to share the beauty of all the artwork in it to the world. The Church sees this as a way of taking care of these artifacts that have been entrusted to its care so that other people can enjoy the beauty. Also since much of the artwork had been previously in the hands of private collectors there would only be a few people who could enjoy them, now anyone who goes to the museum can enjoy the beauty of this artwork. The most remarkable part of the museum is the Sistine Chapel. It was between 1508 and 1512, under the patronage of Pope Julius II, Michelangelo painted the chapel's ceiling, a project that changed the course of Western art and is regarded as one of the major artistic accomplishments of human civilization. One interesting piece of history here is that Michelangelo was a sculptor of marble and never wanted to paint because he felt it was an art form that was beneath his talents. However when Pope Julius II commissioned him personally he took it as a challenge and said yes. Another interesting fact is that another artist did not think he could do it because of the time constraint of the artwork. But he succeeded in his endeavor for all of the world to enjoy. This artwork is truly magnificent to behold. Overall being an artist myself I felt that this was a beautiful tour and I would love to see more of it in the future. In a different political climate, after the Sack of Rome, Michelangelo returned and, between 1535 and 1541, painted The Last Judgment for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The fame of Michelangelo's paintings has drawn multitudes of visitors to the chapel since they were revealed five centuries ago. Because of all of the people who want to see these paintings no one is allowed to take pictures because it would hold up traffic to long. I had to take a picture of placard outside of the museum so I could get a picture of it. After we finished the visit to the Vatican museum we were able to see St Peter's Basilica. More about this next week.



Left: Christ Triumphant

Right: Hall with marble statues





Above: Beautiful Ceiling Artwork

Below: Marble Statues of Creation



Above: Ceiling Artwork

Below: More Ceiling Artwork



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