



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 2, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held
in the St. Dominic Savio Center
to the right of the school.

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our relationship with Christ is the ultimate starting point. The well-spring. Every good quality in our character, every kind action of our lives, every devout practice of our day must flow from this place where we encounter him in our hearts. ©LPi

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 3 • St. Thomas

8:30 am Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch

Tuesday, July 4

8:30 am Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson,
Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

Wednesday, July 5 • St. Anthony Zaccaria • St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am Felix Grubbs

Thursday, July 6 • St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am George W. Hoffman

Friday, July 7 • First Friday

8:30 am Special Intentions

Saturday, July 8

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Dan
Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty
Hymel, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Souls in Purgatory, Dustan
Michael Hopkins, Living & deceased members of the Pierre,
Favorite, Simon, & Duronslet Families, Babies' Souls, Joyce
Poumaroux

Sunday, July 9 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Karen Angelo, Kimberly Clement, Souls in Purgatory, Roques
& St. Pierre Families, Samuel Moody, Dolly B. Omond, Au
Pham
10:30 am Doug Sicard, Sidney Arcement, Terry Collins
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm Sharon S. Triche



VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

In Memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson,
Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In Memory of Kaitlyn Fitch



This week throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do the same.



AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



**Join us in praying
The Patriotic Rosary
recited by our KCs.
July 4th after
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Men of Ascension of Our Lord are invited to join in an extraordinary weekend! This experience will take place August 24-27, 2023 at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. Visit our Parish Website for information and registration forms. Or you may contact one of the retreat directors:
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PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, July 3

6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, July 4 • Independence Day

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

7:00pm KC Planning & Director's Meeting - KC Home

Saturday, July 8 • Team 2

Sunday, July 9 • Team 2

7:00pm Youth Mass - Savio Center



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

Adoration has resumed in the Chapel every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"



Parish Office
Mon-Thurs: 9am - 4pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm

School Office
Mon-Thurs: 9am-12noon

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Kids Corner

Prayer

God, show me ways to help all people who love you.

Mission for the Week

Together as a family send a care package to a missionary family.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to love your family and friends. But God wants you to love him even more. Be kind to your mom and listen to her. Help your dad with chores and have fun with him. But also remember to help people who are not in your family. God gets excited when you share his love with others.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LOVE
CROSS
LIFE

GIVE
WELCOME
PROPHET

GOOD
REWARD
FOLLOWER

F A Y I O E U O L U V
L R E W A R D F I A Y
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “surely will not lose our reward.” The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders. ©LPi

REFLECT

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading

In Paul’s view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as “being dead to sin and living for God.” How often do you think of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel

Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus? ©LPi



(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Prophet’s Reward

“Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house,” my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn’t understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today’s first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I’ve always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents’ acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I’ve finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don’t come cheap. They come from the cross.

“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” — Mt 10:39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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