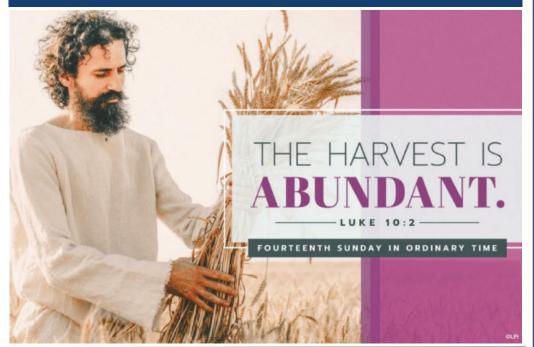
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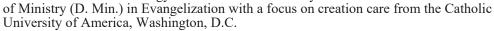
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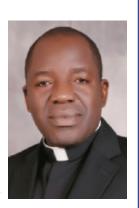
About Fr. Christopher Bologo

Reverend Christopher Bologo is originally from Nigeria, but has been working and schooling in the United States for the last six years. Before June 2019, when he arrived to stay in the United States, he visited several parts of the U.S. between 1998 and 2018. He was ordained a priest for the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria, on July 1, 1995. He was a parochial vicar, pastor of several parishes, and dean of Wuse deanery in Nigeria. He was also the archdiocese's communications Director before becoming the chancellor from 2015 to 2019.

Fr. Chris has a Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministries (MAPM) from Santa Clara University, California, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) specializing in Ecological Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. A Doctor



Before his reassignment to Mary Immaculate Conception Church, Los Gatos, he served as parochial vicar at St. Simon Church, Los Altos, for six years from 2019 to 2025. He loves working with others and experiencing the outdoors, and is looking forward to an exciting experience in Los Gatos.





MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 66:10-14c;

Psalm 66;

Galatians 6:14-18;

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

First Reading:

Isaiah speaks of God's love and care for Jerusalem as a loving mother who feeds and comforts her child. What are some favorite memories or images you have of your mother?

Second Reading:

Paul ends his letter to the Galatians emphasizing that believers are part of God's "new creation,"

no longer defined by circumcision and uncircumcision. How does your faith community encourage or energize you to think differently?

Gospel:

The 72 followers of Jesus succeeded in their work to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick and demon possessed. What does a successful parish look like today?

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In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's consider at least a few of the coaching tips Christ gives.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as indi-viduals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is, in a sense, our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ, we must in-vite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

Next, Christ instructs, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Who are the laborers that our Lord speaks of? Perhaps it is the clergy and religious who first come to mind. And we certainly have a duty to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But we confirmed Catholics are also HIs laborers, called by Christ to bring others to Him and to join us in the life of Christian discipleship.

How are we to do this? We are to go first to God in prayer. Inviting people into the Kingdom of Christ is above all a spiritual endeavor so our Lord reminds us to seek God's wisdom before approaching others. The harvest, after all, belongs to Him. We simply have the privilege of helping with the harvesting. This also reminds us that it is not primarily through "Catholic guilt trips" that we will ignite in others a passion for serving Christ and living the Gospel. It is God Himself who must be at work in us as we call others to the Christian life.

The very next instruction Christ gives is this: "Go on your way." Yes, we must pray for each other, for our families, and for our parish. But then we must go! The Good News of Christ is meant to be shared, and not just within the confines of our own parish family. We must take it out wherever our way leads us — in our neighborhood, at our workplace, in our social life. This is the essence and purpose of a stewardship way of life.

This week, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work on the harvest all around us.

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Readings for the Week					
Sun	7/6	14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20			
Mon	7/7	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26			
Tues	7/8	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7b, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38			
Wed	7/9	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7			
Thu	7/10	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15			
Fri	7/11	St. Benedict, Abbot Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23			
Sat	7/12	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33			
Sun	7/13	15 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	7/7	8:30 am	Rose & Rich Gros de Mange †		
Tues	7/8	8:30 am	Jane McDonald †		
Wed	7/9	8:30 am	Joseph Mardesich, Jr. †		
Thu	7/10	8:30 am	Walter Allspach †		
Fri	7/11	8:30 am	Robert Gingras †		
Sat	7/12	8:30 am	Eleanor Loffredo †		
		5:00 pm	Troy Jaramillo (birthday)		
Sun	7/13	9:00 am	Susan Kato †		
		11:00 am	Diane Piziali †		
		5:00 pm	Adelheid Andrzejewski †		

CARRY YOUR CROSS - As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As he sends his disciples into the world to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this week, let's remember these instructions. It's good advice, in any century.

Pope Leo XIV's Universal Prayer Intention: July For formation in discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of **PRAYER**

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Mary Elen Fox; Fr. Andrew V Nguyen; Magdolma O'Brien; Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Rose Arnaudo; Brigitte Spallanzani; Charli Joan Blackwell; George Bommarito; Bruce Welch

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



5:00pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 11:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5:00pm Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



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ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

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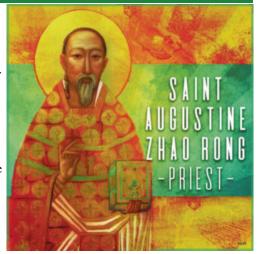
OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS - WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

The 120 martyrs honored on this day died between 1648 and 1930. The first to be martyred was Father Francisco Fernández de Capillas, a Spanish Dominican priest.

From the martyrdom of Father de Capillas until 1930, 119 other Catholic saints would follow in his footsteps as martyrs in China. Eighty-seven were native Chinese Christians who were lay catechists, merchants, cooks, farmers, and even a young boy. Thirty-three were foreign missionaries from various religious orders, working to spread the Gospel at the risk of their lives.

Father Augustine, whose name is attached to today's memorial, was the first native -born Chinese priest and the first Chinese priest to be martyred. He was originally a soldier entrusted with the task of transporting to Beijing French Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse who had been arrested and would also be martyred. During the long journey, the bishop greatly impressed Zhao Rong with his kindness and peaceful demeanor in the face of persecution. Zhao Rong requested and received baptism after learning about the Catholic faith. Taking the name



Augustine, he was later ordained a priest. After his arrest, he was offered the opportunity to renounce the Catholic faith but refused. After horrific tortures, Father Augustine died of his injuries in prison. He was martyred in 1815.

Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized in Rome on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

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