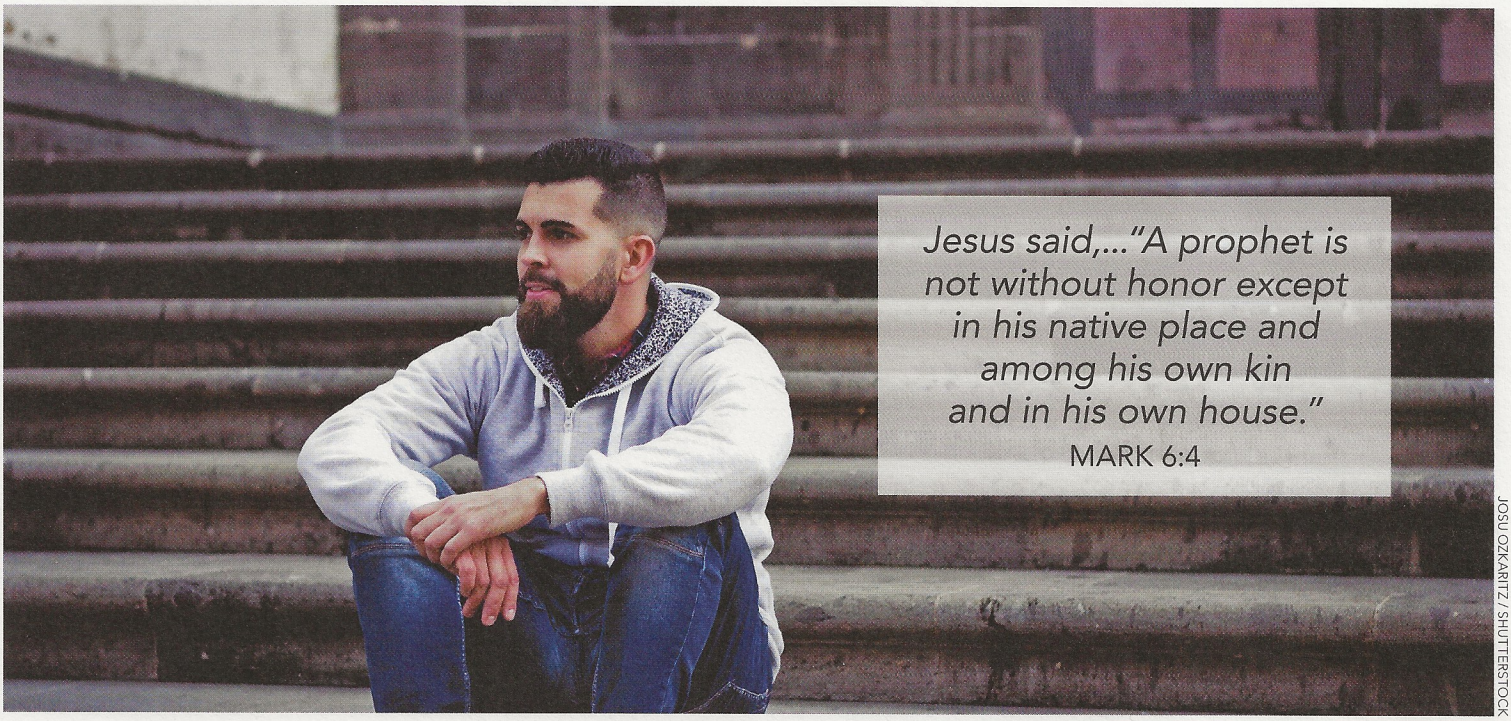
Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 4, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Ez 2:2–5
2 Cor 12:7–10
Mk 6:1–6a



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Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: *You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Do you appreciate the valid insights of others, even when they challenge your own?*
- *Who do you think has insight into today's chaotic world? Why do you choose that person?*

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July 4, 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please call Fr. Donnelly to make appointments for: Baptism, Anointing of Sick, Confession, parish registration, Communion to homebound, marriage preparations (9 months in advance), jail visits, and house blessings and information about the Church.

Please call or have someone call Fr. Donnelly if you or a loved one is in the hospital or is incarcerated.

Office Hours: Currently closed to the public

MASS SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m.: Public Welcome!
Live Streamed via website: Fr. Donnelly's FB Page
WELCOME ~ CELEBRATE

NO MID-WEEK MASS

Mass Intention & Candle Remembrance Today

JIMMIE WHITE
Requested by Toby Jackson

07/11 – Mary Ellen Mollay – Req. by Constance Dobson
07/18 – Ann Bonner – Req. by James and Marie Harrison
07/25 – Connie E. Dobson – Req. by Dianne J. Johnson

Introduction to the Celebration

The Holy Spirit guides us wherever our lives may lead us. We gather here to ask for God's help as we try to live as Christ's disciples.

Stewardship

Praising God for all that has been done for us, is part of a life of Stewardship.

NO MID-WEEK MASS

- **Sun., July 11th: MASS AT 9:00 AM CHRIST THE KING**
  Fr. Paul Donnelly
  Come celebrate and live streamed FB link: Website

Please hold these brothers and sisters in prayer for healing:

Camille Turner, Bob and Linda Davison, Barbara Logan, Bill W., Barbara Staton, Jennie, Robert and Aurelia LaValley, Patricia Gardner, Lorene Ferguson, Eula Collier, Irene Tomlinson, Tamara Crupi, Sherri Woodard, Dorothy Swift, Nina Poole, Tracy French, Scott Baker, Sue Kelly, Jason Rogers, Judy Ridley, Michelle Cwiklinski, Lia Jensen- Abbatt, Roberta Rouse, Mary Yaklin, Amber Donajkowski, Kathleen Lyon, Dr Joan Martin, Joe Rowlery, Mama Sol, Rose Murphy, Lynn Steelman, Sr Joanne Fedewa, Virginia Rochelle, Douglas Bland, Nancy White, Carolyn Shannon, Kristen Smith, Jim Ryan, Michael Raymond Garland, Stevie Hoffman, Evan Little, Lamar Hill, Wanda Nichols, Fr Patrick Isichai, Nancy May, Joan Renard, John Prince, Robert DuLong, Mike, Darlene Verdun, Carl Weiskittel, Ray Jenrow, Debra Tinsley, Minerva Witt, Tom Blondin, Peter Arquin, David Eccles, Joe Forlenza, Mary Ann Wheeler, Judy Garrison, Ollie Brown, Hilda Mitchell, Eric Dellenbech, Mark Frases, Robert Hartfield, Loretta Washburn, Luther Evans, Debroah Metcalfe, Erika Badour, Monika Gauther Crystal Mayfield, Ryan O' Connor, Bob Arnold, Robert Carrizales, Michael Haas, Sam Weller, Sherry Rhinegans , Rev Billy Jones, Msgr Dick Groschek, Nilah Ellis Cromie, Anita Myles, Miton Tucker, Ceclia Lujan, Toby Jackson and Ruth Schmitter.

Catholic Charities ~ Hope in A Box
Need of the Month: July 2021
Toilet Paper – Travel Size Toiletries

✝ *WITHOUT PRAYER, WE ARE NOTHING*

Saturday July 10, 2021
5:00 -8:00 p.m.
Retirement Celebration for
Fr. Philip Schmitter!
Christ the King Parish Flint
(Outdoor Celebration - Tents)

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ the King,

Last Sunday was a very moving experience. All that attended mass were such a gift. Your kind words and prayers were so precious! It felt wonderful to see Christ the King Church full again during mass. Please plan to attend faithfully on Sunday at 9:00 am every week. Coming together every Sunday to celebrate God's Holy Word in Scripture and to receive communion and to joyfully praise God is the best way to welcome Fr Paul, to trust God as the One who directs our efforts to be the Body of Christ in 2021 in Flint, Michigan.

God will send us forth even in the midst of our weakness to evangelize and announce the Good News of Jesus to the many who have never heard or never responded to His invitation. Our worship, our music and prayer, our Christian fellowship, and our Christian Service and Justice seeking are all part of our evangelization with all the Catholic Community of Flint.

The Prophet Ezekiel challenges us to listen to the prophets that God puts in our lives. And as we double our efforts to evangelize, St Paul reminds us to accept our weakness. St Paul found in his own limitations and weakness the door through which god worked most effectively. "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast most gladly of my weakness, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me." And in Mark's Gospel, having the last two weeks been celebrating the gift of faith, Jesus is grieved to notice: " He was amazed at their lack of faith. "

We welcome Fr Paul as a faith community. We continue in our ministries as a faith community. We resolve to evangelize in new ways as a faith community. In our weakness, we trust in God's strength as a faith community.

Thank you, Dear Lord, for the trust we feel in You. Thank you in advance for Your power and grace in the midst of our imperfection and weakness. Please, Dear Lord, to give us new vision, energy and deeper faith and trust to do your work in Flint. Please help us to be your Bogy in the world! Amen!

Gratefully,

Fr Phil

In discerning a good time for mass for Fr Paul,
who now has two parishes, 9:00 am was selected for Christ the King for the future, starting July 4th.
It assures us of Kelvin,
as our talented Keyboard player, for our music.

DON' T FORGET; 9:00 AM MASS TIME FOR
FUTURE SUNDAY MASS AT CHRIST THE KING

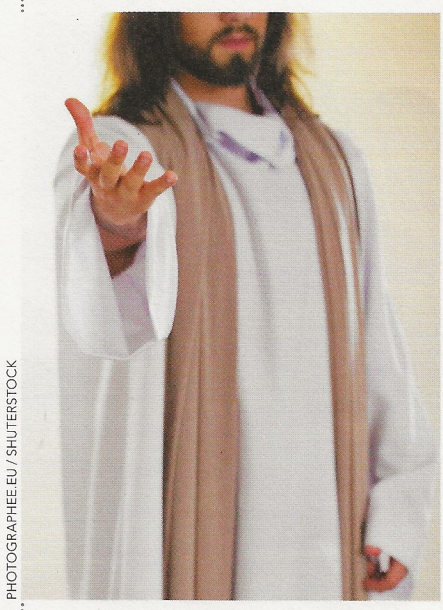
We look forward to worshiping, celebrating and fellowship with you!

Mission Statement: **Christ the King Flint Roman Catholic Church is a faith community founded in the African American culture to answer God's "Call" to be a guiding light and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and talents, we strive to evangelize and minister to our entire multi-ethnic community.**

Dear Padre,

Does religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.

Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom *(Dignitatis Humanae)*, a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:



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First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Calendar

Monday
JULY 5
Weekday
Gn 28:10–22a
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday
JULY 6
Weekday
Gn 32:23–33
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday
JULY 7
Weekday
Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday
JULY 8
Weekday
Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5
Mt 10:7–15

Friday
JULY 9
Weekday
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday
JULY 10
Weekday
Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a
Mt 10:24–33

Sunday
JULY 11
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 7:12–15
Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10
Mk 6:7–13

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