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JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the Sabbath came,
Jesus began to teach
in the synagogue, and many
who heard him were astonished.

Mark 6:2

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From the Desk of Father Mac

As we announced last weekend, Archbishop José Gomez has called for a special "Forward in Mission" Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Origin of Jubilee
While in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus declares that he is fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus is announcing a jubilee year, a special time of God's grace and mercy. In the Scriptures, a jubilee year is a sabbath of sabbaths occurring every seven times seven years, a time of release from debt and labor (Leviticus 25:10-13). In a similar way, the Church declares jubilee years or holy years to commemorate occasions of great significance in her life and mission.

What is Forward in Mission?
A Jubilee Year from September 11, 2021 through September 10, 2022 celebrating 250 years of Catholic faith in Los Angeles on the anniversary of the founding of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, the first church in what is now the Archdiocese.

Why celebrate?
To revive the life of faith in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles through proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the raising up of a new generation of missionary disciples.

How will we celebrate in the archdiocese & our parish?

- 22 pilgrimage sites with Holy Doors in the Archdiocese
- 250th Anniversary prayer service at Mission San Gabriel on 9/8/2021 at 7PM
- 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration from 6 p.m. on 9/9 through 10 a.m. on 9/10/2021 at all pilgrimage sites
- Jubilee Opening Mass at Cathedral on 9/11/21 @ 11AM
- Mass of Thanksgiving at Mission San Buenaventura for elevation to minor basilica on 12/19/21 at 5PM
- Mass of Thanksgiving at Mission San Gabriel for completion of restoration
- Jubilee Closing Mass at Mission San Gabriel on 9/10/2022 at 10 a.m.
- Promotion of missionary practices 2x2: Gospel reflection, prayer, and acts of charity and justice
- 250 Years of Mission historical exhibit at Cathedral
- Parish retreats to proclaim the core Gospel message and inspire a spirit of mission
- Pilgrimage from Mission San Gabriel to Cathedral
- Adelante! young adult event at Cathedral

For more information visit **forwardinmission.com**.
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REVEREND EBEN MAC DONALD
PASTOR

Fr. Mac

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ H. GOMEZ
HAS DECLARED A JUBILEE YEAR
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
AND CONCLUDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2022.

This "Forward in Mission" Jubilee celebration will be a special time of grace not only to remember the rich legacy of Catholic faith in this land, but above all, to revive the life of faith in our local Church through a fresh proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the raising up of a new generation of missionary disciples.

To read the proclamation letter of the Jubilee Year by Archbishop Gomez and to see additional information, visit forwardinmission.com

Our deepest thanks to those who are continuing to give so generously to support our parish during this challenging time.

Weekly Collection
(Sunday June 20)
Total Collected: $8,733
Weekly Goal: $15,000
Weekly Deficit: -$6,267

MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

St. Cyril School is now enrolling for grades preschool through 8th for full-time, in-person instruction in the fall. To schedule a school tour, please call (818) 501-4155.

To learn more about what St. Cyril of Jerusalem School has to offer visit the school website at www.stcyril.net. **Additionally, the Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a $50 million gift to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students** enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. For more information, please reach out to the St. Cyril School office at (818) 501-4155 or the Archdiocese at (213) 637-7070 for more information and access to financial assistance. Catholic education is affordable and tuition assistance is available! We look forward to working with you.

The Fireside Fellowship

"If you have made mistakes, there is always another chance for you. You may have a fresh start any moment you choose. For this thing we call failure is not the falling down, but the staying down."
—Mary Pickford, actress

Perseverance

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
July 7 — 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

What are the things I do to find the strength to face the ongoing challenges of my life? When have I succeeded and when have I failed?

Our topic **Perseverance** offers practical and spiritual perspectives, providing an opportunity to share our everyday experiences, feelings and faith.

You are invited to participate in this discussion meeting. For further on the information on the Fellowship, call 818.366.7263 or visit us at:

Robert-Hanley.com/
TheFiresideFellowship.php

Safeguarding the Children
Did You Know?
What to do if Your Child is Missing

It is every parent's worst nightmare — losing a child somewhere. If your child is missing, knowing what to do and acting quickly can help bring him/her home safely. First, call the police. Give them a full description of what your child looks like, what he/she was wearing, when you last saw him/her. Provide pictures if possible. Then call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678). If your child is missing from home, check your house thoroughly: behind and in large appliances, in closets, under beds, in your cars. For more information, visit https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/isyourchildmissing.

Joan Vienna–
Director of Safeguarding the Children
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 3rd
4:00 pm - Loretta Toggenburger, *RIP*

Sunday, July 4th
8:00 am -People of the Parish, *Spec. Int.*
10:00 am - Bob McGuire, *RIP*
12:00 pm - Mary Garcia, *RIP*

Monday, July 5th
7:30 am -Rodolfo R. Bautista, *RIP*

Tuesday, July 6th
7:30 am -Margaret & Michael Leahy, *RIP*

Wednesday, July 7th
7:30 am -Msgr.Cyril Navin, *RIP*

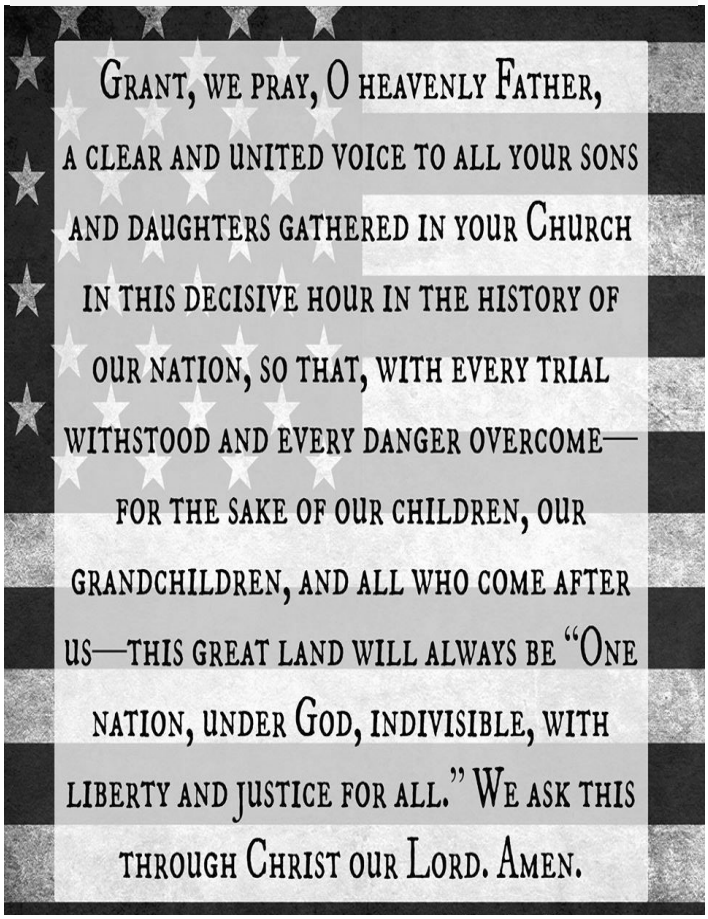
Thursday, July 8th
7:30 am -Arthur Stromaier , *RIP*

Friday, July 9nd
7:30 am -Charlene O'Brien, *Spec. Int.*

Saturday, July 10th
7:30 am -Garcia-Sakajian Family, Spec. Int.

Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

Happy Fourth of July
God Bless America



Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:00 PM
Sundays:	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon
Sunday 12 Noon Mass	Livestreamed on Facebook
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays *(Mon-Sat)*	7:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Suspended until further notice

Holy Rosary

Mondays at 7PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office

Weddings

Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Closed until further notice

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8-9 AM First Fridays

Pray For

Regina Hagan
Mickey Pappas
Sheldon Payne
Mary Shartzer
Bob Farina
Maureen O'Connor
Mamer Marbella
Dale Jergenson
Dolores Cardelucci
Valerie Ruelas

** All doctors, nurses, medical workers

** All those who have lost their income due to public health closures**

** All those who are suffering due to the pandemic**

Mary, health of the sick, pray for us

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July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Ez 2:2-5 | 2 Cor 12:7-10 | Mk 6:1-6

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I'm struck by phrases in today's first and second readings: The prophet Ezekiel is told that those to whom he will be sent are "hard of face and obstinate of heart"; and Saint Paul aptly describes a "thorn in the flesh" as having been given to him. He even refers to this thorn as "an angel of Satan." These are descriptive images! So, I wondered, What do these images look like in practice? The Gospel gives us a clear example: those who grew up with Jesus refuse to see him as a prophet. At one time in my life, I might have said to myself: "Wow, I can't believe people of his own time would reject Jesus!" However, as I grow older, I'm conscious not only of more physical aches and pains, but the "thorn in the flesh" of patterns I'm not particularly proud of – cynicism, pessimism, even hard-heartedness and a closed mind. The "they" in today's readings hits closer to home and strikes me more as "we" than it used to. And yet, as Saint Paul reminds us, we can bring our imperfections to God and pray for grace to give us strength in our weakness, hearts open to God's love, and ears ready to hear the Gospel and be transformed by Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus returned to his hometown, he was not exactly greeted like a "hometown hero." His contemporaries could see him only as a carpenter, and not the Messiah: "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith." We know that Jesus went on to perform the mightiest of deeds – dying and rising from the dead. And yet, even today, he would be "amazed at our lack of faith." Today's Gospel and the other readings encourage us to do a check-up of our spiritual health and pray for the grace to continue to grow in faith. We can also pray for others who may be questioning or have lost their faith, inviting them to consider coming to church with us or simply offering to pray with and for them.

REFLECT For a more intentional look at whatever thorns might be in your side, and what weaknesses those contribute to, consider doing a retreat. Attend an in-person retreat at a local retreat house, or look into online options for a guided retreat at home.

Have you or your family seen a doctor/dentist recently?

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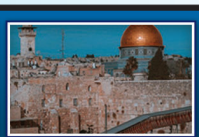

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