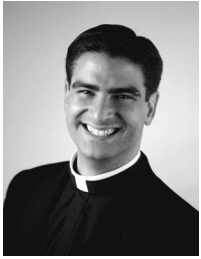

JULY 2 & JULY 3, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

It is not uncommon to hear the words *disciple* and *apostle* interchangeably. While both are part of our faith vocabulary, they do not mean exactly the same thing. Today's Gospel helps us to understand them and how they relate to our Christian identity. Jesus, having previously called the Twelve and sent them out to preach and heal, is now sending seventy-two more disciples – again with the same message and task.

So, what is the difference between the two? By definition, a disciple is one who learns from or follows: a student. It is the root of the word "discipline." Each of us, by our baptism, is made a disciple of Christ.

An apostle, on the other hand, is one who is sent forth – to preach and share the teachings of another with others. These two titles, or descriptions, are different and yet related – for clearly, one must be a disciple before being an apostle. Otherwise, what would one have to share and preach?

Saint Paul, writing to the Galatians, knew the difference and fully embraced both identities. Having begun as a persecutor, Paul encountered Christ on the road to Damascus and experienced a radical conversion to being a follower of Christ. Through that first life-changing moment and then, through the witness of the other disciples and the community in Damascus, Paul is equipped to be both disciple and apostle.

Historically, the Scriptures – and the Church – have reserved the use of the word Apostle, with a capital "A," to refer to the Twelve – or, with a lower case "a," to mean those of Jesus' time who were sent with the authority of Christ to evangelize. All Apostles are disciples, but not all disciples are apostles. Many of us may have heard it said that "we become disciples by our baptism, and apostles (lowercase "a") at our confirmation."

Despite this lesson in etymology and historical usage, the focus here is really less on the "titles" and more on the roles. We, too, must first embrace the Gospel and make it our own – become that disciple who not only knows its challenges and joys but is intentional about living out its mandates on a daily basis. Only then can we be prepared to embrace our identity as apostles – who go forth as missionary disciples to share the Gospel with others.

People often ask why being part of a vibrant parish community is so important to our identity. The answer is simple: The parish should be a place where every believer finds the resources and opportunities to grow as both disciples and apostles. It should be a house of prayer, a school of formation, and a refuge in times of need. It should equip the faithful at all levels to be ready to live and share the Gospel. This is why we offer a number of small group studies, the Formed.org membership that makes available a variety of online Catholic resources, devotional prayers, healing services and other opportunities to deepen our relationship with God and our understanding of our Catholic faith.

This coming week, perhaps we might reflect on our role as disciple and apostle and on how well we are prepared for the mission. May God help us rely upon him for our needs.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Marco

PICNIC THANK YOU! Your kind send-off and fond farewell to Fr. Daniel Gallagher at our parish picnic was a joyful event! There is a long list of volunteers to thank: the 4 secret judges, those who provided food, and especially the muscles behind cleaning the grove, moving trash receptacles, long tables, heavy coolers loaded with ice, and the three gas grills! There were many who welcomed families, seated the elderly, accommodated the people's special needs, and shared joyous smiles and jokes with neighbors. It was such a successful IHM family reunion and we loved seeing you all!

CATECHISTS NEEDED We are in need of volunteers to help us teach the next generation of Catholics at IHM. Our CFF (Children's Faith Formation) Program has a few teaching positions for students from Grade 2 through Grade 8. The school year is roughly September until May. Please prayerfully consider giving time and talent to the service of God through religious education! For more details or to volunteer, please contact Damaritza Ortiz at 301-863-8793 or at cff@ihmrcc.org.

PARISH COOKBOOK SALES Our 75th Anniversary parish cookbook "Favorite Recipes to Feed the Heart" is here and available at the parish office. Each cookbooks is \$20. Payment accepted in cash, check or credit/ACH through cookbook.ihmrcc.org. Cookbooks also will be available after Mass on the weekend of July 9 and 10, both to purchase and to pick up prepaid orders.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



July 4 — July 10

Monday	Hos 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
9:00 am	Rev. Ray Schmit (L)
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7AB-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
5:30 pm	Lois Trent (D)
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
9:00 am	Rev. David Wells (L)
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8E-9/Ps 80:2AC and 3B, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
5:30 pm	Terry Wayne Thompson, III (L)
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
9:00 am	Pedro Fortaleza (D)
Saturday	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
9:00 am	
4:00 pm	Louise Maddox (D)
Sunday	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/Col1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
8:30 am	Wilbur Robert Brown (D)
11:15 am	All IHM Parishioners
1:00 pm	Familias Ugarte Zapata y Mendoza

Events Calendar

July 4 — June 10

Mon:	All Day	Parish Office is Closed
Tues:	9 to 11 am	First Tuesday Coffee
Fri:	5:30 pm	Youth Group at St. Cecilia's
Sun:	4:00 pm	Mass in Tagalog

MASS IN TAGALOG On Sunday, July 10 at 4pm. After Mass, there will be a potluck fellowship in the large classroom. This Eucharistic celebration is held every second Sunday of the month. Please contact FilipinoCatholic@gmail.com or 301-904-4760 for more details.

IHM PICNIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Sincere thanks to the following who immediately signed up to help make the annual IHM picnic a success: Jeff Harmon, the Adam Miller family, Karen McDonald, Thelma Martinez, Delia Quijano, Edith Fortaleza, Kevin Stevens family, Martha Worrell family, Abbie Capones family, Delmoro family, Jason Roof family, Bashir Fnu family, Carl Brown, Chris Degroodt, Ronnie Chavez, Janet Hodkiewicz, Lisa Mike Mesmer, Julie Rose, Joy Gates, Greg Davie, Mark Kosewicz, Tony Spadarella and our music man, Dave Kalil. Everyone generously pitched in for the event clean-up last Sunday! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

PEWS AND BENCHES FOR SALE, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If interested in purchasing a pew (with ends) or a bench (without ends), please contact Linda Hidalgo at 240-298-5264. We are also looking for volunteers with carpentry skills to help out with the orders.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please email your submission to bulletin@ihmrcc.org by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

QUO VADIS CAMP For high school age young men, will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from Sunday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 3, 2022. For four days, high school age young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well as time for recreation, sports, and fraternity. Quo Vadis Camp is run by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Bus transportation will be available. Please register now at <https://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp-2022>. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or call 202-636-9020.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Bill Wagoner, Vincent Campanella, Joseph Hugh Weiland, Rylee Corliss, Rose Marie Weiland, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell, Marie C. Williams, Jim Hoffman, Kaylee Klier, David Kalil, Wanda Slate, Jim Brown, Enedina Melendez, Hector Perez, Cindy Bruce, Glenn Thompson III
Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting bulletin@ihmrcc.org, or call the Parish Office.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Follow us on



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MISSING TOOLS? If you are missing a saw or an axe (from Demolition Day) they are in the Music Office. You can pick them up there or contact Mary at 240-434-8876.

DISH COMPETITION Congratulations to our grand prize winner of the Best Multicultural Dish: Dimarie Santiago, for her Churro Cheesecake! She won a parish bench, thanks to the IHM 75th Anniversary Planning committee and Duane Bishop. There were many entries this year and we loved all the delicious special dishes entered by Ed Stapanon, Donna Brown, Aldon Adaoag, Damaritza Ortiz, Rhoda Miller and Lindelyn Toting.

POSITION AVAILABLE AT THE MISSION The MISSION homeless outreach center is looking for a new Ministry Leader (or leaders, ideally a married couple). The details for this full-time position can be found by calling the Parish office at 301-863-8144 or by calling The MISSION director Rick Myers at richard@seekingshelter.com.

OFFICE CLOSED On Monday, July 4th for Independence Day. Happy 4th!

HELP NEEDED TO FEED OUR PRIESTS Do you enjoy cooking? Meals by Martha is a group of IHM parishioners that provide dinners for our priests twice a week. We are looking for volunteers who can make and deliver one meal to the priests each month. For more information, please contact Lynn Wilkin at 240-561-1356.

ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR FOOD PANTRY The IHM Food Pantry has additional operating hours! Along with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 am until 11:30 am, the Food Pantry will be open the Second and Fourth Tuesdays. On the Second Tuesday, the hours are from 4 pm until 6 pm, and on the Fourth Tuesday hours are from 5 pm until 7 pm. As always, call the Food Pantry at 301-863-8193 during operating hours in order to get assistance.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREATS Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that there are two Experience dates to choose from! They are: July 15-17 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Linthicum, MD and on October 7-9, at St. Mark in Catonsville, MD. The format is non-residential; Couples return home on Friday and Saturday night and return at 8 am the next morning. The Experiences end with Mass on Sunday afternoon. There's no group discussion. Over the course of the experience, three couples and a priest provide tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes we can all relate to. To apply online go to: moments4marriage.org For more information, please leave a message at 301-541-7007 or go to WWME.ORG.

CFF NEWS

Thank you for being a part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Religious Education program! Registration for the 2022–2023 CCD program, beginning in the Fall is now OPEN! Please be aware of the following:

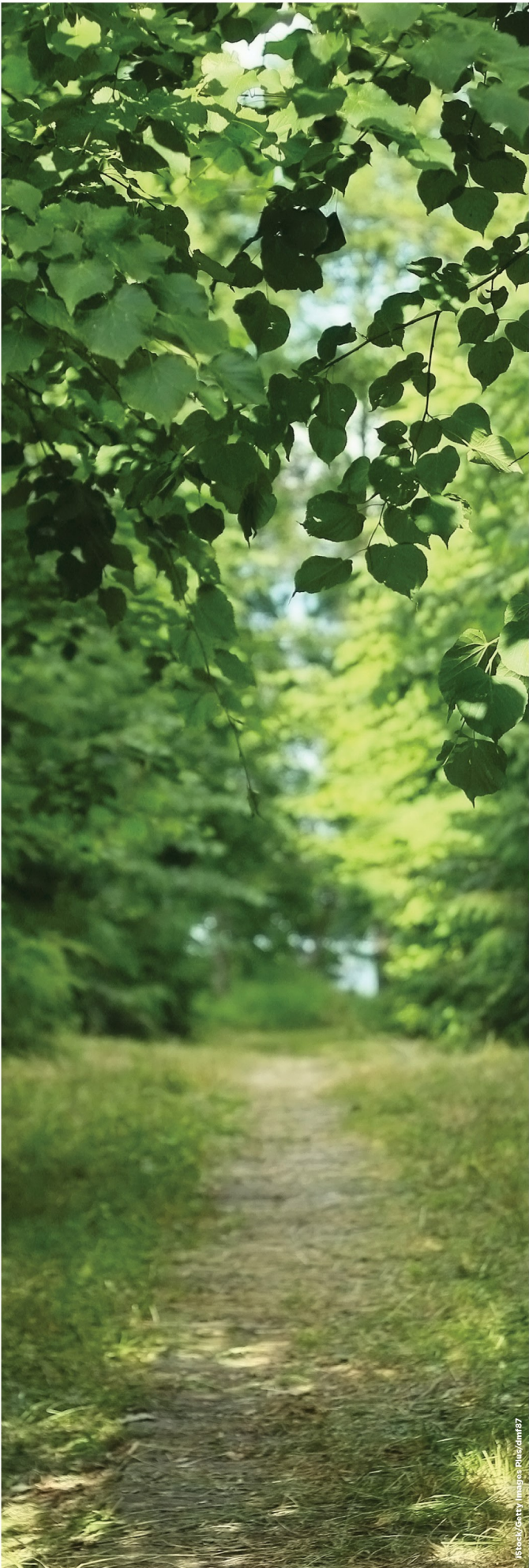
- * CCD will be offered for Grades 1 through 8.
- * As previously announced, the virtual learning program and homeschool CCD will no longer be offered.
- * In class learning will be offered on Sundays at 9:30 AM to Levels 1-4.
- * In class learning will be offered on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM for Levels 5-8.
- * Returning students, please bring all forms filled, registration fee and copy of sacramental certificates (if not performed at IHM)
- * NEW students only, please call Damartiza Ortiz to schedule an appointment for registration at (301) 863-8793 or email: cff@ihmrcc.org.
- * NEW students, please bring all forms filled, registration fee and copy of sacramental certificates.
- * The fee structure remains unchanged from last year. (please see Registration form).
- * Please register early (before August 30th) to avoid late fee.

Registration dates and time are as follow:

- Mondays and Tuesdays in July from the 11th until the 19th from 1 pm until 5 pm
- Sunday, August 14, 21, and 28 after all Masses
- Monday, August 22 and 29 from 1 pm until 5 pm

Your early registration will be appreciated, to help us plan for the Fall CCD program (start date of mid-September, 2022).

LOCAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE Calling all high schoolers for an awesome pilgrimage to St. Clement's Island on Saturday, September 24. Concert with Joe Melendrez, Nun Run Treasure Hunt, Seminarian Led Team Building Project, Time Period Games and more! Visit www.southernmarylandroots.org for more information. Help with the cost is available. Please contact Cookie Pontzer to register: 301-672-0075 or



July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

So what comes to mind when you imagine your dream road trip? A well-planned route with scenic stops, nice hotels, good restaurants and quirky sights along the way? Jesus may be my copilot, but given his words in today's Gospel I'm not sure I'd want him to be my travel agent! As he sends the 72 ahead of him, he gives them no illusions about the mission that lies ahead: "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." Settle for the first house that welcomes you, regardless of the amenities. Eat and drink whatever they offer. Give those you encounter a greeting of peace and remind them the kingdom of God is at hand. As always, Jesus gives these travelers all they will need to share the Good News with others. They return rejoicing! The early disciples refute my "travel agent" doubts, as they show us by example to place our trust in God and take nothing for the journey except our faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we can rest assured that our "names are written in heaven."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm a planner. When we went to Disney World, my sons split off from me after I unveiled an app that would show us exactly which ride or attraction to hit based on crowd numbers, time of day and other variables. I loved that app! So had I been one of the 72 we read about today appointed by Jesus to spread the Gospel in pairs, hopefully my companion would not have abandoned me because of my insistence on planning. Ultimately, our journey of faith - as we share it with others and walk toward the kingdom ourselves - is not something we can choreograph. The more we plan and the more baggage we carry, the less likely we are to hear God's voice cutting through the noise. By stripping away the nonessentials, we can place our trust in the Lord, who will show us the right path. When we place our lives in the service of the Lord, the harvest will be abundant.

PRAY Many U.S. dioceses will be welcoming newly ordained priests this month. Pray for them as they begin their ministry, and pray for more vocations.