

July 2 & 3, 2022 The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

<u>Week of July 2 & 3</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Monica Gregory
Monday	6:30 pm	NO Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	NO Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	NO Mass
Thursday	****	
Friday	8:00 am	NO Mass at St. Thomas

<u>Week of July 9 & 10</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Joshua Pallotta

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For all our sick and shut-ins, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.



Eucharistic Adoration† Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

The 2022 Bishop’s Appeal: Did you know that the Bishop’s Appeal supports vocations to ensure we have enough priests and deacons to support our parishioners? In May, Deacon Gregory Caldwell and Deacon Brandon Schneider were ordained to the priesthood. Thank you for your past generosity and for prayerfully considering supporting the 2022 Appeal. To learn more please visit: bishopsappealvt.org

Vermont Catholic Magazine: The summer edition of the Vermont Catholic Magazine is now available. There are extra copies at the doors if you are interested in taking one home. If you make a \$25 donation, or more, to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal a copy of the magazine will be mailed to you at home. And FYI, Sharon Trani, one of our music leaders, submits an article each quarter. Check out her article titled “Feeling lonely, disconnected or confused? Turn to Worship” on page 59.

Thank you for supporting the Cambridge Food Shelf!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 4
Hos 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 9:18-26

July 5
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13
Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10
Mt 9:32-38

July 6
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mt 10:1-7

July 7
Hos11:1-4, 8e-9
Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16
Mt 10:7-15

July 8
Hos 14:2-10
Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17
Mt 10:16-23

July 9
Is 6:1-8
Ps 93:1ab, 1Ccd-2, 5
Mt 10:24-33

July 10
Dt 30:10-14
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Col1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

Happy Independence Day

True liberty is found in the eternal possession of God's love. Man's natural desire for happiness is of "divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it" (CCC 1718). The second sentence of the Declaration of Independence echoes that desire: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

In June of 1776 Thomas Jefferson brilliantly composed the first drafts of the Declaration of Independence. After some revision, the document was approved by Congress on 4 July 1776. While the Declaration would soon become one of the world's most significant documents, its second sentence is perhaps most famous:"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Those words, written over two centuries ago, still resonate in the depths of our hearts, not simply because they are lofty ideals for which we find ourselves compelled to strive, but because they reflect an aspect of man's irrepressible desire to attain and enjoy human fulfillment.

They speak not only of the American experiment particularly but echo the goals of human experience. With those words we are reminded of the specific purpose for which we are created and the particular end toward which we are directed; on hearing them, we are moved to realize that to be human, bestowed as we are with the gift of life and dignity, created in God's image and likeness, is truly spectacular.

Given the many alarming elements present in today's America which seek to deal a fatal blow to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, whether through direct attacks, covert manipulation of public opinion, or through the dissemination and application of counterfeit notions of human freedom, it is easy to fall into despair. That our nation is in peril is not an exaggeration in the least. In the first place, this dire predicament is the effect of secularism's insistence on the detachment of human rights from the moral law. The American crisis is a moral crisis.

As Christians we are called to analyze culture, and aided by the Spirit, heal, elevate, and purify those elements within it which run contrary to the Gospel. Given how far adrift America is, the restoration of her proper course is a daunting task. But regardless of the strength, duration, and outcome of the storm in which we are immersed, as Christians, as men and women informed by the light of faith, we will not lose hope. As St. Teresa of Avila said, God alone suffices. Our hope does not rest on the passing form of this world (1 Cor. 7:31), but on the promises of Christ and the glorious future that awaits us, for "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).

No weekday Masses will be celebrated between July 4 and Aug12. Father Richard Eneji will celebrate weekend Masses for us while Father Calapan is away. We wish Father Calapan a safe trip and a relaxing visit with his family!

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, July 5th.

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!

Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?

Offertory Receipts for 6/25 & 26
FY22 Weekly Goal: \$1,050

Last Week	= \$	1225.00
YTD Actual	= \$	54558.04
YTD Budget	= \$	53550.00
Over (Under)	= \$	1008.04

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