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Saturday:

5:00 pm (English) 7:30 pm (Español) 10:00 am (English)

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm Sunday:

& 6:00 pm (Español)

Weekdays: 12:05 pm Monday thru Friday (English)

7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holy Day Masses

Times and languages will be published in the Sun-

day bulletin. Misas Festivas

Los horarios y el idioma será publicado en el bo-

letín del domingo.

#### **Baptism**

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am. Only Parish members will be allowed to register.

#### Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at the rectory.

#### Reconciliation / Reconciliación:

Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm (English).

A priest is available upon request or by appointment. Sábados 6:15pm-7:15pm (Español). Un sacerdote es-

tará disponible con cita.

#### Matrimonios:

Los preparativos deben hacerse al menos (6) SEIS meses por adelantada. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos. Para major infomación pueden llamar a Rosie al 347-318-2110.

#### Quinceañeras:

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#### **Bautismo**

Debe de inscribirse en la oficina y presenter la acta de nacimiento del niño/a. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicará para darle seguimiento a este proceso. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases de preparación y reflexionar sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora (3) Tres meses. La ceremonia del bautismo es cada primer y tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00pm. Este sacramento solo se ofrece a los hijos de nuestros parroquianos inscritos y activos.

#### Educación Religiosa

Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a Natalia a la rectoria.



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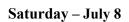


# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 9, 2023

Mass Intentions



#### **Weekly Announced Mass Intentions**



5:00pm- † Alexander A. Zuntag

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: son,
Alexander E. Zuntag

Offered by: Annette

Esposito

Sunday – July 9

8:30am-† Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Jennie DeSimone

11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions 1:30pm-† Parish Community Intentions 6:00pm-† Parish Community Intentions

Monday – July 10

12:05pm-† Walter Brokowski

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Theresa Brokowski

Tuesday – July 11

12:05pm~ For Health & Protection of Anne LaMantia

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Angie Varrassi

Wednesday – July 12

12:05pm~ † Walter Brokowski, Jr.

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: sister,
Theresa Brokowski

Thursday - July 13

12:05pm~ For Health & Protection of Linda Kravnock

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Angie Varrassi

Friday – July 14

12:05pm~ † James Crowdell, Sr.

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Alexis Crowdell

Saturday – July 15

5:00pm- † Margaret & John Latanzio Offered by: Peg & Tom

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Ventrudo

Sunday – July 16

10:00am- † Fr. D. Michael Flynn, S.J. By: Annette Esposito

#### **WEEKLY MEMORIALS**

- ~Our Bread & Wine is offered this week in memory of...
- ~Our Tabernacle Candle burns this week...
- ~Our Memorial Candle burns this week in memory of...



COLLECTIONS - July 1/2: \$ 5,345.

Thank you for your faithful weekly support.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make our heart like yours.....
Fr. Hernan, S.J.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make our heart like yours. "(Let us face) The poverty of our life, our jobless situation, not with a drowsy conformism, but with the strength to fight and that faith that relies on God's power". (Bishop Romero)



"Learn from me" (Matthew 11:25-30)

The verse before the head of this homily says: "take my yoke". Although the allegory is agricultural and typical of times when skyscrapers and paved streets were not even thought of, it is still very accurate. How many of us are overwhelmed by life? Many of us carry a series of concerns that do not leave us in peace. Many films have tried to portray our distress and human condition as is the case of the movie "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" by Milan Kundera. In our society far from specific moments of pain, loneliness and even death; perhaps the best balm that gives us comfort and consolation comes from the very words of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest".

Zechariah's prophecies that the Messiah is coming as a peacemaker, not a warrior, in today's first reading, sets the stage for a savior who reigns with mercy and kindness. Nowadays, Pope Francis implores peace for the Ukrainian people who suffer the horrors of war. The God that Zechariah presents to us is the same one that Jesus personifies, who does not reign by imposing his power but with mercy and kindness:

#### "Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart".

In these summer days when we have the chance to enjoy the good weather and reconnect with loved ones, let us ask for the grace to spread peace and justice that are fruits of our faith. Let's not be ashamed of being gentle in a society that often identifies it with weakness. Far from being weak, our faith strengthens us to fight for justice for all; our faith makes us brothers and sisters who do not seek privileges but to serve those who are overwhelmed in the paths of life. To be gentle and humble of heart is to be willing to face difficulties with patience and without resentment. Living the Gospel today is the challenge of believing and following in the footsteps of Jesus, faithful to his mission to the end, without resentment and full of patience.

Jesus, as a good shepherd, wants his flock to carry an easy yoke despite the fact that he himself had to face the harshness of life because of the hatred and wickedness of his enemies.

Jesus gave his life for us so that we may have life in abundance. He took on our faults so that we may be free in the love that forgives everything and that never rejoices in evil.

We are the community of Jesus and we do not feel alone because Jesus is present in every man and woman whom we not only respect but also serve with charity.

Jesus set himself as an example for us to learn from Him.

Jesus faced his final destiny because he entrusted his life to God, his Father. He did so because he so loved the Father that he was willing to do God's will, no matter the consequences. That is why the unbearable lightness of being has to lead us to accept what we are and just as we are. Our lives rest in a God who is our Father and does not leave us abandoned but

through the death of his Son has set us free from sin and death. May the love of God help us to love our neighbors and be capable of carrying their heavy burdens offering a helping hand, or something that is lacking, if only to make clear that

**←** CONTINUED they are not alone.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 9: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 11-13 July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalms 65:10-14 Romans 8:18-23





#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

We will be celebrating our patroness **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** at the **10:00am Mass** next **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a grand Parish Social in her honor at **12:30pm** in the school gym. Music, food & dance.

All are welcome to come and celebrate our patroness.

2023 - 2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - Registrations for our catechism program are ongoing. Parents interested in enrolling their children in our program can do so by visiting the Parish Rectory. It is a two-year program of preparation for each sacrament. Children entering 1st grade should be registered for First Communion classes and children entering 6th grade should be registered for Confirmation classes. Parents must bring proof of sacraments that their child has already received. Classes will start in September. Please call the Rectory for more information.

<u>ADULTS WHO NEED THEIR SACRAMENTS / RCIA</u> – Registration for adults who need to do their Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation have already begun. This program is for everyone who is 17 years of age or older. To register or to request more information, please call or visit the Rectory and speak with Colin.

**2023 MASS BOOK** - Our 2023 Mass book still has plenty of Masses available for your intentions. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remember a loved one. Please stop by the Rectory for your desired dates.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – **JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP** – Our Youth Group will meet all summer long! **Every Saturday** from **5:30pm to 7:00pm**. Free snacks and drinks. Grow in faith with fun activities. Ages 13 to 17 years. If you are interested, you can attend the meeting or call the Rectory.

<u>YOUTH RETREAT</u> – **Save the date!** All youth are invited to a Retreat on **Saturday, August 26**<sup>th</sup> from **9:00am to 3:00pm** in our school gym. Come alone or with friends to live a day of testimony, teaching, prayer and reflection. You have an appointment with yourself, with God and with others! Call the rectory for more information.

<u>CATHOLIC MOVIE NIGHT</u> - In Honor of the Feast of The Martyrs of Compiegne- The movie "Dialogue of the Carmelites". An award winning film about the Carmelita Nuns, executed by Guillotine during the French Revolution will be played for one night only on **MONDAY JULY 17**<sup>th</sup> at **7:30PM** at the Atrium Cinemas (680 Arthur Kill Rd). Limited seating available! Tickets can only be purchased in advance and online. Tickets will not be sold at the theater. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online here: <a href="https://morning-rising-productions.ticketleap.com/dialogue/">https://morning-rising-productions.ticketleap.com/dialogue/</a>. This film is in French with English Subtitles.

<u>MGN ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP</u> - Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. Join them for the East Coast Chapter of the Maria Goretti Network (MGN) online support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc), to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Contact <a href="mayer-myc@mgoretti.org">myc@mgoretti.org</a> for the Zoom link or visit <a href="mayer-myc@mgoretti.org">www.mgoretti.org</a> for more information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION — Encouraging Deeper Understanding of the Scripture - Do you ever feel restless? Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out. Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity. The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest. ©LPi

<u>LIVE THE LITURGY</u> - **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** - The Christian life does not require wisdom, charisma, or strength — no, quite the opposite. To be Christian, we must embrace our faults, our littleness, our shortcomings — gather them up, and lay them all at the feet of Jesus. There, they will be transformed.



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