

Daily Meditation

Sunday, Jul 03, 2022: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. We are blessed This land is a favored patch of Earth. "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam," as Irving Berlin's anthem goes, may God bless this place we call the United States of America. Berlin's song is both patriotic and prayerful, which is why it's sometimes sung in church. He originally wrote it for a play, then set it aside for 20 years, resurrecting it as the Third Reich came to power and the world needed an inspirational song. (Woody Guthrie didn't like it and wrote "This Land Is Your Land" in response.) However you choose to sing it, croon a song of gratitude for your country. ODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1- 12, 17-20 (102). "Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent."

Monday, Jul 04, 2022 OPTIONAL PROPER MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA) (887-891). Red, white, blue, and Catholic Catholics were a small minority in America's colonial period—at the end of the Revolutionary War, there were only about 25,000 Catholics in the United States out of a total population of 3 million. Catholics faced persecution, first in the original colonies, and then in the new country that was ironically founded in part on freedom of religion. Today there are 70 million Catholics in the United States, or 22 percent of the population, and for many years Catholics have made up about a third of the U.S. Congress—more than any other denomination. With the values of our faith, Catholics have made countless contributions to the betterment of our country through myriad kinds of service—what's yours? TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

Tuesday, Jul 05, 2022: MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN. Sweet is the rose Saint Elizabeth of Portugal belongs to a saintly tradition called a "miracle of the roses." Elizabeth was caught smuggling provisions from the family larder to give to the poor, food hidden under her cloak to elude disapproving relatives. When confronted by a suspicious husband and ordered to reveal what she was hiding, roses tumbled from her wrap instead of bread. Many saints, including Juan Diego, Dorothy, and Rita of Cascia also had miraculous encounters with roses. Pope John Paul II once pointed out that the thorns of these roses remind us of worldly trials—but their enduring fragrance represents the love of Christ. TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "The crowds were amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen.'"

Wednesday, Jul 06, 2022: Tap into the riches of diversity. On this day in 2017, the most recent gathering of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) began in Orlando, Florida. The NBCC was founded by African-American Catholics as a successor to Daniel Rudd's Colored Catholic Congress movement, which had been dormant since 1894. Since 1987, the NBCC has gathered black Catholics from around the United States every five years for fellowship and to discuss a pastoral plan to be published by the Congress after each meeting. The NBCC is governed by the nation's black bishops, a group active since the first ones were appointed in the late 20th century. May we all draw deeply from the wellspring of our cultural heritage to enrich the church. TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God."

Thursday, Jul 07, 2022: Adventures in pursuit of the reign of God Today's gospel begins with Jesus' command that his apostles declare the "kingdom of heaven is at hand." Pope Francis has noted that seeking the reign of God involves boldness and adventure. Seeking the Kingdom, he once told a Sunday Angelus audience, is the "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons." Those seeking the reign of God, he continued, "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, neighbor, and themselves. Has your quest for the Kingdom taken you on unexpected journeys? TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). "Jesus said to his Apostles: 'As you go, make this proclamation: "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand."'"

Friday, Jul 08, 2022: Branch out. Chances are you're spending some time outside this summer, enjoying the glories of nature. One ancient tree worth noting is the cedar, which has deep spiritual roots in Hebrew and Christian tradition. The height and breadth of the mighty cedar of Lebanon are associated with the greatness of God. It is long-lived, evergreen, fruit-bearing, and a place of refuge—all characteristics of Yahweh and Mary, in her role as Mother of God and protectress of the church. The next time you feel vulnerable or distant from God, call to mind the grand cedar and know that divine comfort awaits if only you seek its reach. TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots."

Saturday, Jul 09, 2022: MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS. Creed and culture are not the same. European missionaries were pouring into China during the 19th century, bringing with them not only the Christian religion, but also the European culture that they believed was part and parcel of the practice of the faith. Chinese reception of Christianity was mixed. Many Chinese saw it as a cultural invasion since some missionaries condemned customary Chinese practices like veneration of ancestors as demon worship. Augustine Zhao Rong represents 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries who were killed during a period of anti-foreigner resentment that followed. Be mindful that your evangelizing always be accompanied by respect and sensitivity
TODAY'S READING

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 3, 2022

Mission Statement

Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre- Jeune Bishop of Charleston Rev. Jesupratathap Narichetti (JP), Pastor Email: jnarichetti@charlestondiocese- org. Ann Mitchum Parish Secretary	<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u> Sunday 8:00am Sunday 9:30am Wednesday 9:00am Friday 9:00 am
	<u>CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE</u> SUNDAYS: 7:15 AM-8:00 AM <u>WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY</u> 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

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PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



WELCOME: We welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's. We hope you find St. Mary's to be spiritual and welcoming as you join us today in celebrating the Mass. As our church returns to full activities, we invite our new parishioners to join in participating and volunteering in our events. Coffee is served following 9:30am Mass.

FOOD BANK: We continue to collect non-perishables to support our local community. Please be sure containers are plastic to avoid and danger of breakage. In addition to food items, paper towels and toilet paper are appreciated. Please leave your donations in the Parish Center after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, July 13th at 1PM** at 4199 Hwy 165, just down the street from the Church. We will have our final discussion of "When bad things happen to Good People", by Rabbi HAROLD Kushner. Come join us at any time - we share our Faith through our discussions and life experiences. Call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate flowers for a weekend, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church. Flowers must be brought or delivered on FRIDAYS between 9:30 and 10AM. They do not need to be professionally arranged. Vases are provided and you can add your personal touch to the arrangements.

BAKE SALE: After both Masses. If you did not receive a call from Cherry, please contact Carolyn at carolyn29449@gmail.com to get on our contact list. Thanks.



Pray For Us: Edward Aban, Hazel Basilio, Chester Broton, Jr., Betty Butler, Virginia Ceva, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Maryanne Cortez, J. Gould, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Ken Fleming, Elizabeth Good, Hugh Gorman, Sally Gorman, Tom Gould, Krist Groover, Buddy Green, DeeDee Huck, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, Eileen Killenberger, Yvonne Livingston, Betsy Long, Gus Long, John Lucas, John North, Susan Mance, Kelly Meyer, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, John North, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Larry Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Mike Winn, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioners of our parish family.

Record of Faithfulness
06/26/22

ENVELOPES	AMT		COLLECTION	AMT
PARISHIONERS	2655.00		MAIN & REPAIR	125.00
LOOSE	94.00		Peter's Pence	350.00
VOTIVE	65.00			
SUB TOTAL	2814.00		BAA	
TOTAL ALL	3289.00			
			Sub Total	475.00

8:00 AM	31	9:30 AM	46	Total	77
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Second Collection today is for BAA
Second Collection next week if for INFIRMED PRIEST.

As we celebrate July 4th, we ask God to continue to bless our beautiful country. Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons of personal responsibility. Americans know this from experience – almost every town in this country has its monuments honoring those who sacrificed their lives in defense of freedom, both home and abroad. "The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2008)



DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 8:18-22

The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head. (Matthew 8:20)

When Jesus said he had nowhere to lay his head, he wasn't just talking about a physical place to sleep. Though he traveled from town to town and probably slept in a different location every night, he was giving up more than a comfortable bed. In order to preach the good news, he and his disciples had to leave behind family, friends, and jobs for an unpredictable life. Ultimately, they would be rejected and persecuted by many of the people in their hometowns.

This is why Jesus' words to the would-be disciple are so poignant. Following Jesus might mean losing the sense of belonging that we associate with the idea of "home"—a place of family, traditions, and refuge.

In order to follow Jesus today, some people still have to give up their sense of home, or even their physical homes. They might experience suffering and isolation, and they might even be arrested or killed. Though that's not the situation most of us face, being a believer still means experiencing a certain sense of not belonging. You might be the only one in your family to practice your faith or the only one in your neighborhood who attends church on Sundays. You might have different moral values than your coworkers or a different approach to raising your children—all as a result of your faith.

For the disciples, giving up the security and comfort of home was worth it because they had found the Messiah. They wanted to be as close to him as possible. Like them, you also have found the treasure of being with Jesus every day. You can hear from him through the Scriptures and feel his presence in your times of prayer. You have the knowledge and assurance of a God who loves you, as well as the hope that one day you will be with him in your true home, heaven.

Today, renew your commitment to follow Jesus, even if it means not quite fitting in. Ask him to strengthen you and give you courage. Above all, remember how blessed you are to be walking with him each day.

"Lord, give me the courage