

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: MATTHEW 9:20-21

Reflect, today, upon the gentle Voice of God as He speaks to you in the depths of your heart. Do you hear Him? What is He inviting you to do? What healing does He want to bestow? As you ponder God’s Voice, try to respond only to Him. Set aside all of your own preferences and ideas of what God should do and seek only what He is speaking to you. Say “Yes” to Him, do so with certitude and conviction, and trust that whatever He speaks to you, if you have faith in what He says, He will do it.

TUESDAY: MATTHEW 9:35-36

Reflect, today, upon the zeal that Jesus has for your own eternal salvation and holiness of life. You cannot make it through this world without Him. Let Jesus seek you out, come to you, speak to you and invite you to allow Him to shepherd you. He wants to do so with every fiber of His being; let Jesus fulfill His mission in you.

WEDNESDAY: MATTHEW 10:5-7

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus gives to you to be His evangelist. First, look at your own life and do all you can to allow the Gospel to transform you into a fervent follower of Christ. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you every day to inspire others to become followers of our Lord. Start with your family. Pray for them. Be attentive to the promptings of grace God gives to reach out to them. Then turn your eyes, also, to the wider community. Allow the Lord to lead, follow His voice, and He will use you in many ways to help others come to know His burning love for them.

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THURSDAY: MATTHEW 10:14-15

Reflect, today, upon your being present in one of these towns. Consider the many ways that you have been closed to all that God wants to speak to you. Open your heart wide, listen with the utmost attentiveness, be humble before the message of the Gospel and be ready to receive it and to change your life as you do. Commit to being a member of the Kingdom of God so that all that God speaks to you will have a transforming effect upon your life.

FRIDAY: MATTHEW 10:19-20

Reflect, today, upon this teaching of our Lord. Consider how you react when someone condemns or judges you. How do you respond to such persecutions? Begin with silence, turn your eyes to the other out of love for them, and then listen and wait on the Lord. Wait until He gives you the words to say. Doing so is not only good for the persecutor; it is also exceptionally good for your own soul and holiness of life.

SATURDAY: MATTHEW 10:27

Reflect, today, upon this twofold action commanded by our Lord. First listen to Him. Listen to Him in the “darkness of faith.” Let Him draw you into the deepest and most certain convictions about His love and mercy and His very Self. Then, as you savor these hidden and holy communications from our Lord, look for ways by which He wants to speak to others through you. You do not have to initiate this proclamation; you only need to respond when He directs you. By building a deep level of prayer in this way, you will not only come to know our Lord in ways that are beyond words, you will also know how and when He wants to speak to others through you.

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 7, 2024**

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.

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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8am & 9:30am
Wednesday 9:00am
Friday* 9:00am
*Adoration following Mass
on the 1st Friday
RECONCILIATION
Sunday 7:15-8am
Wed/Fri 8:30-9am

Diocesan Office of Protective Services
(843) 261-0430
Diocese Victim Assistance Ministries
(843) 856-0748

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

WELCOME: WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS TO ST. MARY'S! WE TRUST YOU WILL FIND US A WELCOMING AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY AS YOU JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE MASS TODAY. COFFEE IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER MASS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

WELCOME the newest member of God's family Lily Augustine Behringer, daughter of Jordan and Claire Behringer and granddaughter of Matt and Katie Wolf, who received the sacrament of Baptism yesterday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Isla Noelle Hudson who receives her First Communion at the 8 AM Mass today; Isla is the daughter of Sean and Lauren Hudson, granddaughter of Wayne and Donna Hudson, great-granddaughter of John Hare.

MASS INTENTIONS: Today's **8am** mass is for Mina Hare (Isla's Great Grandmother) and Mother of Donna, on behalf of Wayne and Donna Hudson. Today's **9:30** mass is for Francis Paul Acquilano, Grandfather of Michael Acquilano, on behalf of Walt Roberts.

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH: Thank you everyone for your support of Project San Pedro. We will be able to send our four sponsored children to school for the coming year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

AED MACHINE: We have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for our Parish. We always pray we won't need it but should a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) occur, we have a tool at our disposal to provide for a better outcome. The AED is located at the front entrance to St. Mary's, in the "cry room" on the right. It has been inspected and ready for use.

We would like to identify anyone with any medical experience (knows CPR, EMT trained, nurse, doctor, PA, etc.) to know what resources we have in our Parish.

We are putting together a maintenance and training plan. We will train the Ushers, and anyone else that would like to be trained, on how to use the AED or how to prepare (locate and retrieve the AED) for use. This will be scheduled in the next week or so. Additionally, there is an interest in CPR training. We will work with St. Paul's Fire Department and get this scheduled in September 2024 (CPR training includes AED training).

Please contact Donna Hudson if you are interested in receiving AED specific training or interested in becoming CPR certified. Call her at 703-371-1682.

SAFE TRAVELS: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector Schedule for 07/14/2024

8 AM Ryan Hall

9:30 Nichole Miller

Eucharistic Ministers for 07/14/2024

8AM Donna Hudson

9:30 Anna Mae Van Dyke

Collection for 07/14/2024

Blue Envelope Weekly Church Offering

We pray for each other. In your time of prayer, please remember the following people and intentions:



Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, Chester Broton, Jr., James Butski Jr., Allison Condon Chappell, Frank Chestnut, Julliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Victoria Flanders, Ken Fleming, Sandy

Gorman, Sally Gorman, J. Gould, Jamekia Grampus, Krist Groover, Emily Meyer Hall, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, Eileen Killenenger, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Patti McDermott, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, John North, Suzy Patterson, Rich A Pinkham, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioners of our parish family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father JP welcomes your mass intentions for celebrating a special occasion, on behalf of a family member or friend, or a deceased loved one. A Mass request can be submitted by the following:

- Calling our Parish office at 843-889-8549. You may leave a message with your contact information.
- Completing a Mass Intention Envelope, checking the calendar located in the back of the church for date availability and placing your envelope in the box above the calendar.
- Requesting a Mass Card be mailed directly to you, for whose All Mass Intentions are voluntary offerings, since the Holy Eucharist is the universal prayer of all the church. The typical offering is ten dollars.

Stipends for Mass Intentions may be brought or mailed to the Parish office (cash or check).

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
June 30, 2024**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$1,925	CASC	\$
Loose	\$61	Peter's Pence	\$536
Votives	\$94	Maintenance & Repair	\$
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Sub Total	\$2,080		\$
Grand Total	\$2,616	Sub Total	\$536

8am	36	9:30am	44	Total	80
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Traveling anywhere in the world and need to find a Catholic Church? Go to Masstimes.org.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Why was Jesus "not able to perform any mighty deed" in His hometown of Nazareth? Because the people who had known Him since He was a youth lacked faith in Him. But why wouldn't Jesus simply perform awe-inspiring miracles with the hope of winning them over? Why not try to convince them by raising someone from the dead or by revealing His transfigured glory to His kinfolk, as He did on the Mount of Transfiguration to three of His disciples? The answer goes to the heart of the workings of faith in each soul.

Jesus' goal in His hometown was not to convince the people that He was the Son of God, the Messiah. He could have easily convinced them of this by the most incredible of miracles and proved Who He was. But doing so would have undermined the reason He came. He came to ignite authentic faith in people's hearts, not to convince them through clever reasoning or by the proof of miracles. Miracles were offered to those who already had faith, so as to increase their faith and to show them mercy. But when one lacked faith, a miracle could not increase that which was absent. It might have convinced them on a rational level, or at least impressed them greatly, but that is not true faith.

By analogy, say your spouse said to you, "I love you," and your response was "Prove it." How would they do so? What could they do to prove that they truly love you? Perhaps they could show charity, kindness, compassion and the like. These qualities certainly are manifestations of authentic love. But deep down, no one can prove they love another. Instead, love must be offered and received in a spiritual way. When that happens, each person somehow simply knows they love and are loved. This is the mystery of spiritual and authentic love.

The same is true with faith. Faith can't be proved. It can't be analyzed rationally. It must be embraced and lived. If the people in Jesus' hometown were to have faith in Him, this gift of faith would start within their own souls. They would look at Him and listen to Him. By their openness and a special personal revelation from God, they would come to know and to believe Who He was. Faith comes first from within, when God communicates to the heart.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of faith in Jesus. When you look into your own soul, what do you see? Do you see a heart that knows Christ Jesus as its Lord? Have you discovered the presence of God within you, speaking to you, revealing Himself to you? Or do you primarily look for external signs and proofs of God's presence and love? Look into your soul today and ponder the depth of faith that you discover there. When you discover this gift, gaze at it with love, for you are seeing God's revelation of Himself to you.