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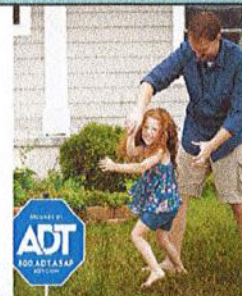
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, “the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited.” That same dictionary defines liberty as, “the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to.” Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two. St. John Chrysostom directs that “the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ.” There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one’s soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one’s character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us. The world is not always open to listening to the truth. “I am sending you like lambs among wolves,” Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That’s what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: “Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business.”

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said “I love you” expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. “Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.”


He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn’t always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS


The Year of Grace

July 2022


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus GOLF - Generations of Living Faith MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild Ordinary Time Knights of Columbus Breakfast after 8:30am Mass St. Vincent De Paul Sunday	4 * CLOSED * Offices closed for the Independence Day Holiday	5 K of C Meeting 7:00pm 6:30pm Join the Youth Group	6 Grupo de Matrimonios 7:30pm-9:00pm	7 Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG Meeting Keener Hall 6:00pm	8 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	9 Men's Fellowship 7:30am in person Reconciliation 4:00pm
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31 5th Sunday Rosary						

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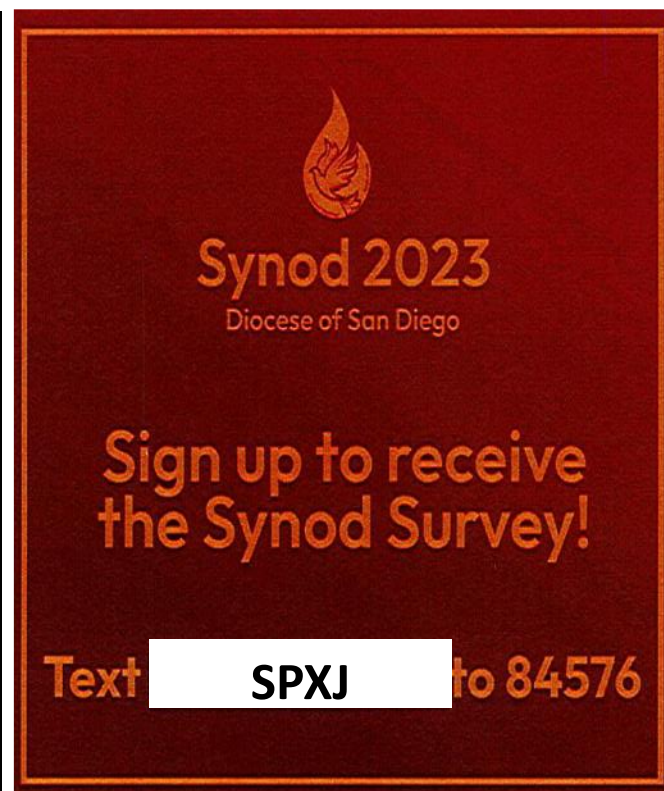
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 **Synod Online Survey Sign Up on Flocknote**

You're invited to contribute to the worldwide Synod! Pope Francis has called a synod on synodality, a two-year process where the People of God (that means you!) are being invited to reflect on what it means to journey forward together as a Church. You're being asked to participate because you are a valuable member of our Church. In this intentional process of mutual listening, Pope Francis wants us to rediscover the joy of being the People of God who journeys together, listening to everyone. For those who were unable to join us in person, we wanted to let you know there will be an online questionnaire sent out in the coming Fall 2022 so that your voice is still included in this synodal process! In order to include as many voices as possible, please follow the steps you see here to sign up for our Flocknote messages if you are not already signed up. **Text SPXJ to 84576 or Scan the QR code.**



WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
June 26, 2022	
Envelope Giving	\$1,353.00
Plate Giving	\$1,509.13
Online Giving	\$886.71
Total	\$3,748.84
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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We are in need of volunteers for Adoration

Thursday's 9:00am—10:00am
and
July 14 12:00pm—1:00pm

If interested, please contact the Parish Office or Laura Dray.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Ordinary Time

Question: Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer: Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins. Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, tempus ordinarium, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Upon their return from exile in Babylon, the prophet Isaiah speaks of God's restoration of Jerusalem, characterizing Jerusalem as a nurturing mother feeding and loving her child. Why do you think Isaiah uses such sensuous and bold imagery?

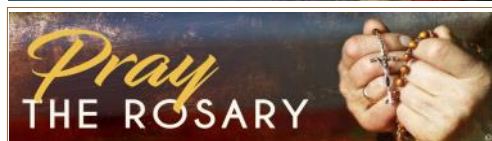
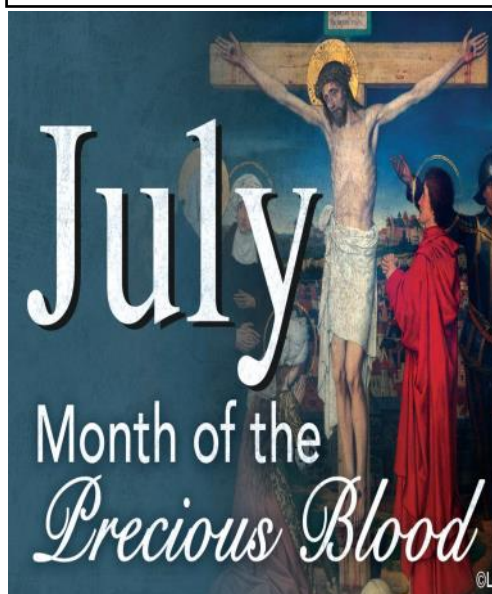
Second Reading: In his closing remarks to the Galatians, Paul comments that he "bears the marks of Jesus on his body," a clear reference to his own physical sufferings. Paul's scarred body gave him credibility as an apostle. How would you demonstrate your credibility as a believer in Jesus?

Gospel: During his public ministry, we hear how Jesus sent out his followers to begin evangelizing (preaching, healing, and exorcising) in his name. How best can we evangelize non-believers today? ©LPi





MEN'S GATHERING
Come and join the men of the parish to make new friends and get to know your brothers in Christ.

Saturday, July 9, 2022
7:30am



The Knights of Columbus and MMLG will lead the rosary for everyone who would like to participate every 5th Sunday of the month. Remember our Blessed Mother's promise to those who pray the Rosary - "I promise my special protection and greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary". Pray the Rosary with the Knights and the Ladies Guild. This month it will be on

Sunday, July 31, 2022
at 8:00am.

03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish) Pray for: Bishop John Dolan <i>Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16-20/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20</i>	No Bible Study Parish Office Closed Pray for: Bishop Ramon Bejarano	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. Charles Moat, SVD	Daily Mass 7:30am  Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm Pray For: Rev. Melchisedech Monrea	Daily Mass 7:30am  Bingo Dinner 6p Bingo 7p Pray for: Very Rev. Antonio Morales	Daily Mass 7:30am Men's Gathering 7:30am Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Pray for: Rev. Alfredo Moreno	

MASS Intentions

July 03	Sun	8:30am	(SI) Caroline Hendrickson
July 03	Sun	11:00am	+Nazhat Naemi
July 03	Sun	12:30pm	+Augustin & +Marcia Godinez
July 04	Mon		No Mass
July 05	Tues	7:30am	For the Parishioners
July 06	Wed	7:30am	For the Parishioners
July 07	Thur	7:30am	(SI) Knapp Smith Family
July 08	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
July 09	Sat	5:00pm	For the Parishioners



ADORATION
THURSDAYS
8:30am - 5:00pm



“Behold, I have given you the power to ‘tread upon serpents’ and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” — Lk 10:19-20

Observances for the week of July 3, 2022

Sunday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Monday: Independence Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs



St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband’s infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal. Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men. After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday. ©LPi



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