

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Scripture Insights

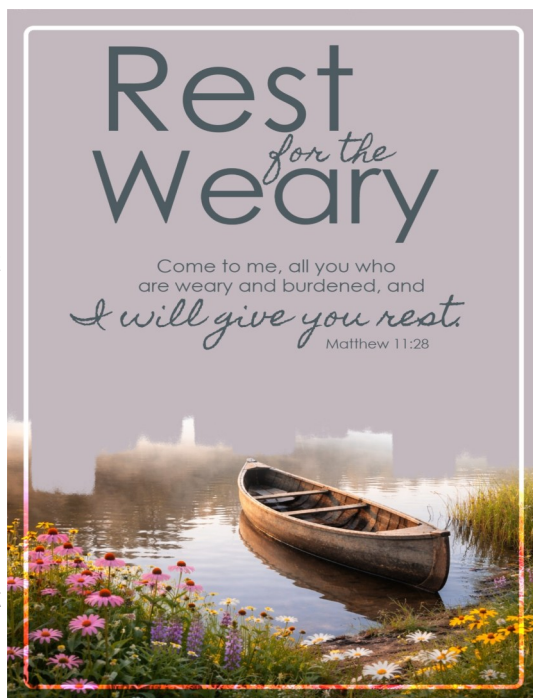
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026

With startling imagery, the prophet Zechariah predicts the arrival of Israel's new king on a donkey, and then describes him banishing horses and chariots from Jerusalem. These symbols make sense when one remembers that the primary use of horses in the ancient world was for warfare. Horses pulled chariots or carried mounted cavalry. Farmers, by contrast, kept donkeys. These would have been the animals that most families would have used for labor and transportation. In modern language, Zechariah means that Israel will recognize God's chosen king when he arrives not in a tank but a pickup truck.

Zechariah's words probably did not surprise those Israelites who understood their traditions. Texts like this Sunday's responsorial psalm seek God's glory in the fullness of divine compassion and fidelity. God forces no one to their knees, but "lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."

Jesus knew these traditions. His kingship did not conform to the model of Israel's Roman conquerors, who reinforced their authority with displays of power and wealth. Instead, Jesus gave witness to his anointing through a commitment to God's Word and an evenhanded mercy. Many fellow Jews resonated strongly with his mission, but poorer people received his message with special enthusiasm. They recognized in him the king that the prophet Zechariah had foretold and found in his message a compassion that gave rest to their souls.

Christ calls all disciples to live with similar simplicity and mercy. This is what Paul means when he counsels Christians to live by the Spirit. Like the God of the psalms and prophets, Jesus was loving and just. Just so, those who bear Christ's spirit must make it their mission to lighten humanity's burdens and raise up those who are bowed down. ~Sourcebook 2026



MASS TIMES:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.. (Livestreamed)
& 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION: Every Tuesday
at 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

By Appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements 6 months in advance

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERAL

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time**

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July 4, 2026

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 9, 11-13**Alleluia:** Matthew 11: 25**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 25-30**Emergency Collection for Venezuela Earthquake**

On June 24, 2026, two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela, leaving widespread devastation and an ongoing humanitarian crisis. Entire

neighborhoods have been reduced to rubble; homes and schools have collapsed; hospitals and essential infrastructure have been severely damaged. Thousands of families have been displaced, and countless individuals remain without safe shelter, clean water, food, medical care, or electricity. Rescue teams continue their efforts to search for survivors.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Through our prayers and charitable support, we can bring Christ's hope and healing to the people of Venezuela during this time of profound need.

This Sunday, July 5, 2026, we will take up a special emergency collection to assist those affected by this disaster. Funds will be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to ensure timely aid reaches those most in need.

You may also donate online directly through CRS by clicking the link below. If you wish to contribute by check, please make it payable to:

Catholic Relief Services – Venezuela Earthquake Relief. Cash donations are also welcome.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and faithful prayers.

<https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake>



Please join us on **Sunday, July 5, 2026**, for our monthly Support Group meeting, held on the **first Sunday of every month** in the Memorial Chapel from **11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

Together, we will share our stories, remember our loved ones, and lift them up in prayer.

Our gathering will conclude with prayers and a decade of the Rosary.

Through shared reflection and the peace of Jesus' presence, we hope to offer one another comfort, support, and healing.

Have You Remembered Your Parish or School in Your WILL or TRUST? For information, please contact the Planned Giving Office 213-637-7504
PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org

PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back sevenfold. (Sirach 35)"



Online Giving

OFFERTORY

06/28/26 Offertory	\$ 861.00
06/28/26 Online	\$ 2,200.00

Total: \$3,345.00

**DID YOU KNOW? What is grooming?**

Child safety experts consider grooming a core component of sexual abuse. Grooming is a manipulative process in which a person who intends harm gains access to a child, often through behaviors that seem innocent, and builds up a relationship that will ultimately allow the predator to abuse the child. Children who are groomed are slowly taught to accept and excuse any behaviors by the predator, because of the relationship that has been built up over time. A predator relies on manipulation to reduce a child's resistance and to maintain secrecy. For more information on grooming, read the VIRTUS® article "Behind the Smile: Uncovering the Warning Signs of Grooming, Part 1" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

LA FAMILY HOUSING

**Faith & Community Resource Fair**

This resource fair will serve as a one-stop shop for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Participants will have access to housing resources, benefits enrollment, employment resources, documentation assistance, and other supportive services. This event is open to all individuals and families experiencing housing instability, regardless of faith background.

Friday, July 24, 2026—10.00 AM - 1.00 PM
7806 Reseda Blvd.
Reseda, Ca 917335

Everyone is welcomed! For more information call:
(747) 295-2512

Notice to Parishioners

We have been informed by the Diocese of Oakland of a fraudulent fundraising campaign involving a group calling itself the "Congregation of The Victorious Cross of Christ." While it presents itself as Catholic, it is not recognized by the Vatican. This group is reportedly seeking donations to build a monastery/convent in the Diocese of Oakland. Please remain cautious and not contribute to this campaign. Stay vigilant and report any related inquiries to the parish office.