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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you."
- Lk 10:9

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July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "**Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven**" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir

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Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
July 12th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michelle Kujawa	† Jeannette Yelinek Marilyn Elam	Mary Jo Hanvey Nick Kujawa	Bobby Elam Tristan Kujawa	Anne Louth Mike Louth
July 13th Sunday, 2:00 PM	Lynne Fulte	† Beth Regensberger Joyce Dierkes Dawn York	Kathy Pajares Chris Knee	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy Pat King	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Prayer for Religious Liberty”

VOCATION CORNER

Today’s Gospel shows Jesus expanding His evangelization effort in the world. 72 others are dispatched to towns he intended to visit. He tells them: “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.” These words are directed at all of us. We are all charged with laboring in harvesting souls for the Lord. We are to encourage those who have that special call to the harvest in serving as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. We must “ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Please pray daily for an increase in vocations.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As he sends his disciples into the world to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this week, let’s remember these instructions. It’s good advice, in any century.

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In recent weeks, subscribers to The Messenger have made us aware of a delivery problem that is resulting in papers arriving late to their mailboxes. We apologize for the service issue and are investigating the cause of it with post offices throughout the Diocese of Belleville. Please be patient during this time as we search for a solution. Thank you!

David Wilhelm
Messenger Editor

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of July 6, 2025

SUN 7/6	8:30 AM	Walter & Ceclia Turner
	10:30 AM	For the People
MON 7/7	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
TUE 7/8	8:00 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
WED 7/9	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
THUR 7/10	8:00 AM	Anita Gazzine Becherer
FRI 7/11	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers
SAT 7/12	8:00 AM	Shirleen Spheh-Dressler
		Raymond Spheh & Ken Dressler
	4:00 PM	For the People
SUN 7/13	2:00 PM	Waylan Downen

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, *at all*). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: *I cannot work in these conditions!*

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

REMINDER

Next Sunday, July 13, there will be only **ONE** Mass at 2:00 pm.



St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of

Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

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Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands!
As You answer those crying, send us. Let us be Your people,
answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the afflicted. May we be
laborers in Your harvest.

Amen.

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ORDINARY TIME



PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illnesses. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

Barb	Helen	Melissa
Brent	Jane	Nell
Cindy	Jim	Painter Family
Colman	Joe	Pat
Dawn	Kathleen	Peggy
Easton	Katrina	Petrina
Frances	Larry	Reta
George	Linda	Steve
Harvey	Lynn	

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed below, their families and their caregivers.

To add names to the Prayer List, please contact Carol Lesko by phone at 618-698-5838. If she unavailable to take your call please leave a message.

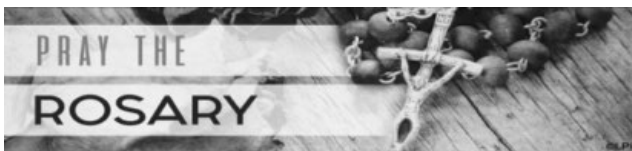
Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.

Sunday, July 6, 2025 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week

July 6, 2025

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** - No SVDP Mtg
- Tuesday** -
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition
2:30-4:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- Thursday** -
- Friday** -
- Saturday** - 4:00 pm Mass
- Sunday** - 2:00 pm Mass



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary sthenryc@peaknet.net or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline
Rosary totals will be in the next bulletin

"What day is ice cream day?"

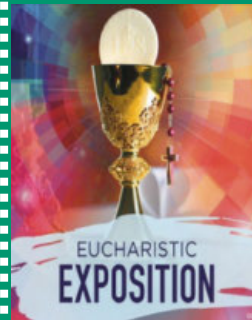
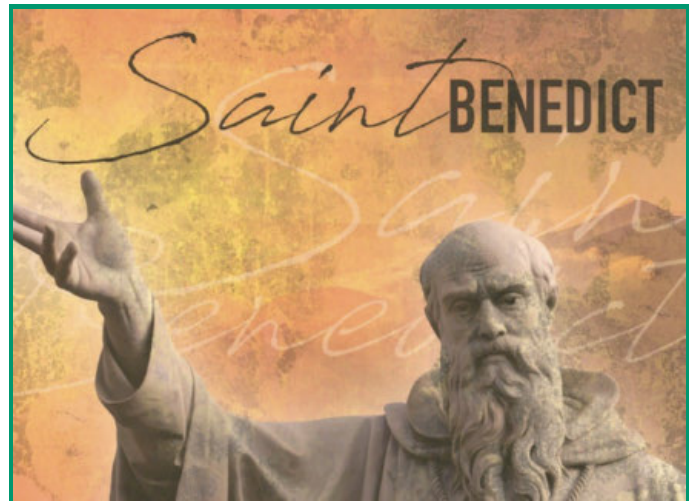


"Sundae!"



Of course Sunday is a special day set aside for rest and worship of God. Since we celebrate every Sunday as a "little Easter," some festivity is a good idea... like, maybe a little ice cream!

GLP!



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of June 29th will be printed in the July 13th bulletin.



BIRTHDAYS

Earl Berry 07/09
Marilyn Lovatto 07/09
JoAnn Dahlmann 07/10
Rita Stringer 07/10
Jeannette Yelinek 07/10
Sara Fitzwater 07/11

Pamela Frost 07/13
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Jeanne Lachmiller 07/14
Braden Lisch 07/14
Trish Denton 07/15

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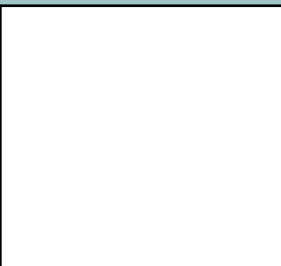
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