

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

July 6, 2025

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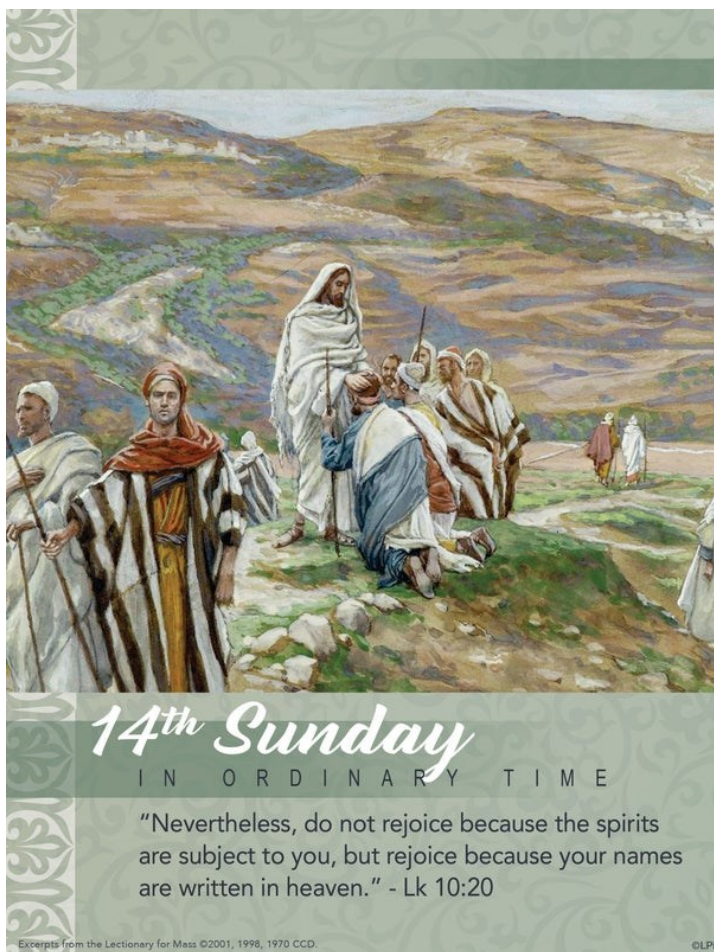
Monday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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14th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

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Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 1:00 PM (Spanish)
Monday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: 5:30 PM and Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Confessions: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM and Sunday 12:15 - 12:45 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5, 5:00 PM
† Barbara Mahaffey
by Pamela Ness

Sunday, July 6, 8:00 AM
Jennifer Bodie
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, July 6, 10:00 AM
† Robert Blaise Murphy
by Grace Swierk

Sunday, July 6, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, July 7, 8:00 AM
† Ryan Williams
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Tuesday, July 8
No Mass

Wednesday, July 9, 5:30 PM
† Robert Rowe
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Thursday, July 10, 8:00 AM
† George Celardo
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Friday, July 11, 8:00 AM
Richard DePorter
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Saturday, July 12, 5:00 PM
† Tommy Lee
by Karen Macedo

Sunday, July 13, 8:00 AM
† Joan Jekel
by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, July 13, 10:00 AM
† Mary Wesel
by Win Wesel

Sunday, July 13, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, the collection amount for last weekend was unavailable at the time the bulletin was sent to the printing company.

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal

*Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish
be aware of and support the Safe Environ-
ment we seek to foster.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
If we can help you in your walk with Christ
in any way, please call the church office.*

Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese. If you have any interactions with children or vulnerable adults which include any person over the age of 18 whose ability to perform normal activities of daily living is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical or developmental disability or dysfunction, brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers: Betty Barr and James A. Harrelson Sr.

Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Sigrid Smith, London Gomez, Diane Maslowski, Ann Boone, Mandy Moore, Barbara Natoli, Sharon Jordan, Jill Saparito, Stephanie Marsh Johnston, Brandi Gunter, Betty Chrismon, Helena Blackowitz, Bill Fowler, Bob Roberts, Brian L. Brodzik, Mary Cavalieri, Andy Crocker, Chet Maslowski, Cecilia McGee and Sandy Peterson.

Pray for those in our Military:

Nathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, Brian Eduardo Vazquez, Matthew Mathis, Alexis Martinez Bermudez, Paloma Martinez Bermudez, Ricky Rogerson, Myles Starnes, Julio Madrigal Martinez and Ivan Morales.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. The amount collected will be in next weekend's bulletin as it is unavailable at the time of printing due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 10
Sunday, July 13

Hispanic Council Meeting at 7:00 PM
Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraiser - Food Sale
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Religious Education

Registration for religious education classes is now \$35 per child and \$15 for each additional child in the same immediate family.

Registration for adult formation classes are now closed.

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.
5. 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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Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The monthly Council business meeting will be on Thursday, July 10th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by a lecture. The business meeting will start at 7:00 PM. This will be our first meeting of the new fraternal year.

The installation of our Council 3067 officers will occur on Wednesday July 23rd immediately after the 5:30 pm mass at St Mary Our Lady Of Ransom Catholic Church. All officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are also welcome to attend.

Mike Allen is our district field agent. If you have any questions concerning K of C insurance or financial products, you can contact Mike Allen at 803-397-7803 or malen1072@aol.com.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7b, 8b, 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 105:16-21
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 105:1-4, 6-7
Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

Liturgical Roles

July 12 Saturday 5:00 PM	July 13 Sunday 8:00 AM	July 13 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: M Roberts	L Altman	M Duggan
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke J Joseph D/T Corvelli	T Macmanus E Kimbrough B Yacavino H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: K Macedo M Lee	N/B McMahan B Pittman	T Howard J Pizzi D Wright
Altar Servers: D Macedo	R Arreaga I Arreaga	A Angeles J Angeles A Santos
Altar Care: D Macedo	MJ Clark	L Ortiz L Hernandez M Huerta
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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 ©LPI

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.



To Dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2025 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.

Gospel Study Group

The Gospel Study Group takes a summer break following Pentecost Sunday study. Regular weekly discussions will resume Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00 AM in the parish hall classroom. Everyone, enjoy the summer and plan on joining us in September. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets from September thru May on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. Please join us for a meeting to see if you would like to help with Altar care or linen laundry.

St. Mary's Rosary Group

St. Mary's Rosary group meets each Tuesday at 1:15 PM in the church to pray for special intentions and needs of family and friends. All are welcome (men and women) to come and pray the rosary together.

Carry Your Cross

Question: As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer: When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

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.

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