

From the Desk of the Pastor

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel for this Fourth of July weekend Jesus beckons us all who labor and are burdened to come to him and find rest. His invitation is similar to Emma Lazarus's words on the statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.'

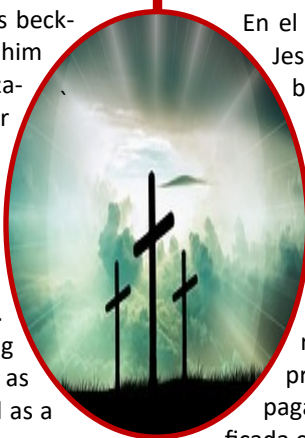
In order to appreciate more fully today's Gospel reading, perhaps it is necessary to know something about the wisdom literature and tradition in Israel. The cultivation of wisdom was highly prized among virtually all segments of the ancient world, pagan as well as Jewish and Christian. Wisdom is personified as a teacher to all who seek it.

In the book of Sirach (51:25-27), Lady Wisdom says to those who desire her, "Come, take my yoke, and find for yourselves rest."

The notion that the treasures of Wisdom are hidden from the foolish was widely known. Hence one can imagine how the Jewish Christians would see Jesus in this passage as the embodiment of that Wisdom sought by ancient sages.

The prayer that Jesus makes, however, involves a striking reversal. Speaking to his Father, Jesus affirms that 'these things' are hidden 'from the wise and the learned' but revealed to the 'little ones'. This is just the opposite of the 'popular wisdom' of the day that regarded the learned doctors of the Law as bearers of God's wisdom.

The 'little ones' of the day: the tax collectors and sinners who dined with Jesus, understood the true meaning of the reign of God, and it is to these to whom the Son (wisdom) has been revealed.



DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

En el Evangelio para este fin de semana del Cuatro de Julio Jesús nos llama a todos los que trabajamos y estamos agobiados de venir a Él y encontrar descanso. Su invitación es similar a las palabras de Emma Lázaros en la estatua de Libertad: 'Dame tu cansancio, tu pobreza, su grupo que anhela respirar con libertad.'

Para poder apreciar más plenamente la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, tal vez es necesario saber algo acerca de la literatura de la sabiduría y la tradición de Israel. El cultivo de la sabiduría era muy apreciado entre prácticamente todos los segmentos del mundo antiguo, pagano así como Judío y Cristiano. La sabiduría es personificada como profesor a todos los que lo buscan.

En el libro de Eclesiástico (51:25-27), La Señora Sabiduría le dice a aquellos que la desean, "Vengan, tomen mi yugo y encuentren para sí mismos descanso."

La idea de que los tesoros de la Sabiduría estaban escondidos de los necios era ampliamente conocido. Por lo tanto, uno puede imaginarse cómo los Cristianos Judíos verían a Jesús en este pasaje como la encarnación de esa Sabiduría buscada por los antiguos sabios.

La oración que Jesús hace, sin embargo, implica un cambio sorprendente. Hablando con Su padre, Jesús afirma que 'estas cosas' están ocultas 'a los sabios y los eruditos' pero revelado a los 'pequeños'. Esto es justamente lo contrario de la 'Sabiduría Popular' del día en que se consideraba a los eruditos doctores de la Ley como portadores de la sabiduría de Dios.

Los 'pequeños' los sencillos del día: los publicanos y pecadores que cenaban con Jesús, entendían el verdadero significado del Reino de Dios y es a éstos a quienes se ha revelado el Hijo (la sabiduría).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

June 27 — June 28, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 180.00
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$1,970.19
Peter's Pence.....\$ 626.56

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

July 5: Reserve Fund

July 12: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

July 19: Music Ministry

A A A 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$ 9,784.65
Balance we owe:	\$22,510.35
Pledges Balance:	\$ 952.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE SACRED YEAR OF THE LORD 2026

A TIME OF RENEWAL & GRACE

We invite you to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's new encyclical, [Magnifica Humanitas](#).

It is a dynamic approach in fidelity to the Gospel as a prayerfully shared discernment guided by the principles of social doctrine of the Church.

We may discover how our journey of Faith can transform our Christian outlook in life and walk in the path of protecting our God given human dignity, which Jesus redeemed and consecrated it anew and returned it to our God, the Father of us all.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

A Message from the Archbishop: [Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Proposed Settlement as of June 29, 2026](#)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4 TO JULY 11

SATURDAY July 4, 2026	SUNDAY July 5, 2026	MONDAY July 6, 2026	TUESDAY July 7, 2026	WEDNESDAY July 8, 2026
9:00am Lani Elsey † Elsa Cabahug † Manuel Simpliciano Mila De La Torre & Family 4:30pm Parish of St. John	8:00am The Living members of the Young Men's Institute 10:00am † Benjamin Caceres † Ramon Esquilla † Mel Ventura 12:00pm † Natividad Vasquez † Antonia Novoa † Angela Amaya	9:00am Parish of St. John THURSDAY July 9, 2026 9:00am † Zenon Arroyo	9:00am The Deceased members of the Young Men's Institute FRIDAY July 10, 2026 9:00am Parish of St. John	9:00am † Eduardo S. Genoves SATURDAY July 11, 2026 9:00am Julie Ann Rabara 4:30pm Parish of St. John

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