

13TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:39



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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him. Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love. Fr. Tom, in his bulletin announcement two weeks ago, gave a personal witness about his prior ministry that included immigrants and shared the US Bishops' statement on immigration. That fits beautifully with this week's Gospel. When we welcome someone in Jesus' name, we extend hospitality to Jesus himself.

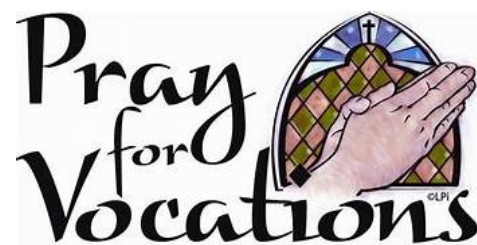
As we follow the call in today's Gospel to welcome another, I am pleased to share with you that Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Rhode Island has asked us to welcome a College Seminarian for about 5 weeks this summer. **James Silva**, a 25 year old College Seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Boston, has joined us for the end of June and the month of July. He moved in this past Monday and is settling into his new surroundings. This is an opportunity for him to experience what it is like to live in a Rectory with priests and experience the daily rhythm of parish

life from an "inside perspective." It will assist him in his discernment to God's call to priesthood. His time with us is very brief, so please welcome James to our community when you have the opportunity to do so.



I want to say another word of Thanks to all who wished me a Happy Anniversary on my Priestly Ordination last week and to all who have sent healing cards, Mass Cards, and other calls and notes to wish me well after my total right knee replacement. I am truly overwhelmed with your generosity and prayerful concern. Truthfully, this surgery is 100 times better than the left one about 18 months ago. I am still using a cane, but that is for the left knee, not this new one! I stopped in a couple times this past week to welcome seminarian James Silva and to celebrate Fr. Tom's 35th Anniversary to the Priesthood. And I plan to return to the Parish full time this week.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney



"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

Saturday, June 27

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Gloria La Noce Birthday Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
James Hapenny 3rd Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Mary Donna Higgins 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 28

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
The Davies & O'Sullivan Families Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Joseph Fischenich Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Leo & Elizabeth Polli Memorial

Monday, June 29

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Bridget Theresa Reilly 20th Anniversary

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Claire Putnicki Memorial

Wednesday, July 1 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Pietro Lapiana Memorial

Thursday, July 2 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
Dorothy "Nene" McAleer 26th Anniversary

Friday, July 3

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
For all of The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 4

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Claire Boyd Month's Mind

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Zoila Baez Castro Anniversary
Anibal Castro Memorial
Robert Lochiatto Memorial
Jo-Anne Gorrasi Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
For All of Those Who Served Our Country

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Arlene Lefebvre Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Jo-Ann Gorrasi Birthday Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Donald Glasser 28th Anniversary
& Polly Glasser 11th Anniversary



A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
Mary Aloisi
Kindly include her and her family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY June 28	<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
MONDAY June 29	<i>Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3,4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
TUESDAY June 30	<i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
WEDNESDAY July 1	<i>Saint Junípero Serra, Priest</i> Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
THURSDAY July 2	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
FRIDAY July 3	<i>Saint Thomas, Apostle</i> Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
SATURDAY July 4	<i>Independence Day</i> Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9+10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
SUNDAY July 5	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of June 21, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$9,165
Online: \$4,172
TOTAL: \$13,337

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$13,337
Deficit -\$2,816

Month to Date: \$40,244

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$416
Online: \$490
TOTAL: \$906

Promoting the Gospel
Envelopes & In Church: \$2,916
Online: \$147
TOTAL: \$3,063

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING



All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators of abuse or grooming, how to

create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

St. Veronica Parish will be having a training sometime in July. Please see next weekends bulletin for more details.

TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM



This weekend marks the beginning of our Taste and See Summer Raffle program. Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a \$20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

www.stveronicama.org

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673.



In observance of Independence Day our offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2026 is this coming Saturday, July 4. On behalf of all the priests, deacons and staff of St. Veronica, I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Joy-filled and Happy Independence Day Holiday!!!! On this our 250th Anniversary, we are all so blessed to be called citizens of the United States of America.



2026 Catholic Appeal

This year's *Catholic Appeal* theme, ***Together We Are One***, is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel. I am pleased to share that **our parish has raised 83% of our goal.** (\$79,633 toward our 2026 Catholic Appeal goal of \$96,000). Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope in your pew or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all.



Online Giving

from Our Sunday Visitor

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the Parish Offices while you are out-of-town on vacation. As many of you understand, our Parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here. Thank you for remembering our parish while you are away! This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for on-line giving.

To sign up for online giving please go to our website www.stveronicama.org and click on the St. Veronica Online Giving button. If you receive envelopes and decide to give on line please contact either rectory and we can cancel your envelopes, which is a cost savings for us. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Prayer For The 4th Of July

Dear God,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for the freedom we celebrate on the 4th of July. We ask for your blessings on our country and our people.

Help our leaders make wise decisions. Keep our soldiers safe. Give us peace and unity.

Let us always remember to be kind to each other, to help when we can, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We give you all the glory and praise.

Amen.





Summerfest
POURS FOR A PURPOSE

People Helping People

Thursday July 16, 4:30-7:30 PM!
Where: Grandview Farm
Cost: \$40 Early Bird Tickets!
(Prices increase on July 1)



Scan for tickets:



Appetizers **Beer**
Raffles **Wine**
Fun! **Spirits!**

Variety of vendors & tastings!
Help support PHP Programs!
Must be 21+



Ministries

Interested in helping out? Please look to our Ministry page on our website:

www.stveronicama.org

We have plenty of ways for you to get involved, meet new friends and help build a better and stronger parish community.

And If Anyone Gives Even A
Cup Of Cold Water To One
Of These Little Ones Because
He Is My Disciple, I Tell You
The Truth, He Will Certainly
Not Lose His Reward."

Matthew 10-42

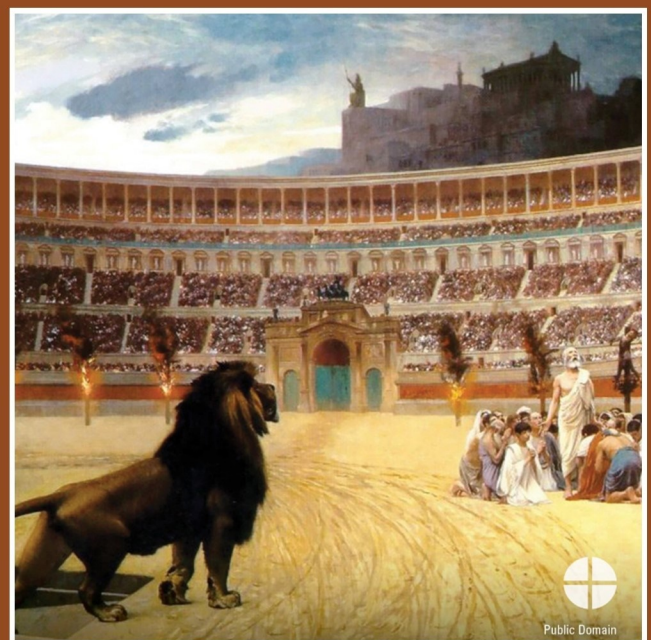
BibleWordings.com

The First Martyrs of Rome

DIED 64-68

FEAST DAY: JUNE 30

After a raging fire destroyed two-thirds of Rome in 64, Emperor Nero blamed Rome's Christians to divert suspicion from himself. Those acknowledging their Christianity were arrested and executed. Some were covered in wax and set afire as torches; some were sewn into animal skins and cast into the arena with wild animals; others were crucified. Sts. Peter and Paul died in the same persecution. The feast of these earliest martyrs of the Roman church is celebrated a day after the joint feast of Peter and Paul. The Roman historian Tacitus said the protomartyrs were to be pitied "for it was felt that they were being sacrificed to one man's brutality."



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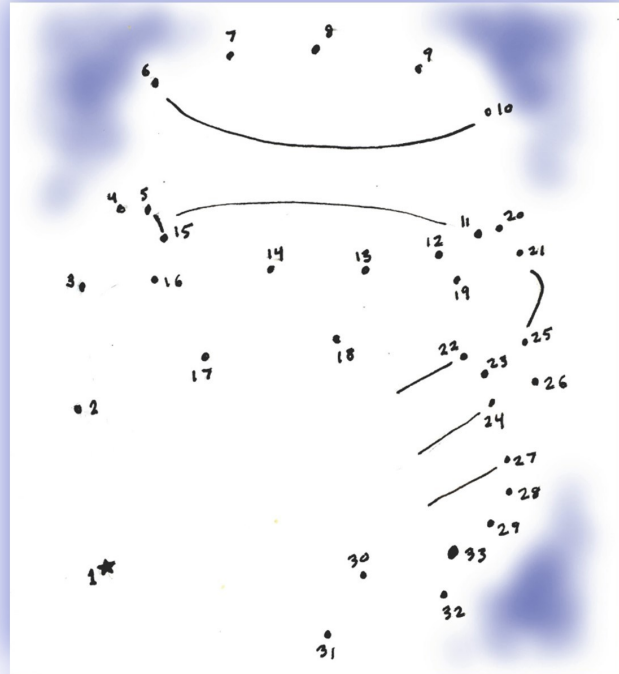
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THE KIDS' BULLETIN

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass. They are made by a mom in Canada who is happy to share them with anyone who can use them to help learn or teach about the truth and beauty of the Faith. For more info visit thekidsbulletin.com.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!



Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

AFTER MASS
WE CAN VISIT
GRANDMA.



I'D LIKE TO PLAY
BUT I HAVE TO
LOOK AFTER MY
BABY BROTHER.



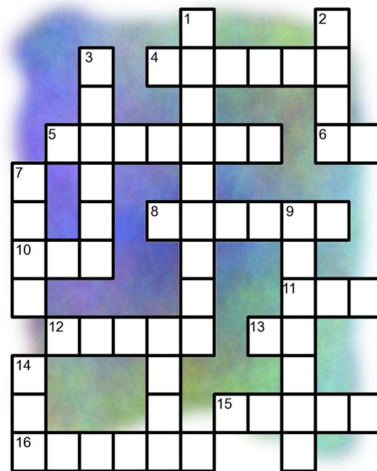
The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossword: Across: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 13 me, 15 loves, 16 mother, Down: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 14 him

www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

A=Across
D=Down

He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who _____ (15A) son or daughter more than me

is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not _____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will _____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives _____ (13A), and he who receives me receives _____ (14D) who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a _____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A) ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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