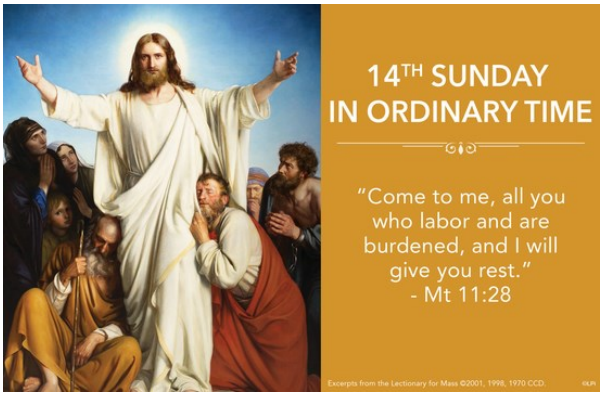
Sunday, July 5th, 2020



Sat. July 4	5:00		Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 5	9:30	✞	Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
	11:00	✞	Martin Smith (Jim & Mary Smith)
Mon. July 6			Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Teresa Walters)
Tues. July 7			Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Teresa Walters)
Wed. July 8			Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa Walters)
Thurs. July 9			Special Intention (Teresa Walters)
Fri. July 10		✞	Martina Guitard (Racz Family)
Sat. July 11	5:00	✞	Irena Baran (Jan & Lana)
Sun. July 12	9:30		Missa Pro Populo
	11:00		Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek)

(Weekday Masses 9:30am. Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.)
Holy Hour & Confessions Mondays 7-8pm
Summer Mass Schedule (July & August):
Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30 & 11am.

Offertory June 27/28, 2020

Offertory $ 1, 549.50

The office will be open Wed and Fri from 9-2 beginning this coming week. Please note that visits for now should be by appointment only– Wednesdays 9-noon & Fridays 9-noon. Phone the office to arrange an appointment. Or, you can phone or email anytime for information, Masses intentions or other questions. Thank you!

Reception of Holy Communion during Mass

Communicants are instructed to remove their masks and gloves when approaching for Holy Communion. When you approach to receive Holy Communion, please remember that there is a new procedure. Stop at the first line of green tape. After the priest says, "The Body of Christ" , the communicant responds "Amen" (at a distance of two meters), **and bows as an act of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament being help up before them.** Come forward to receive.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey. There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments—Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of "mine" turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe. I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired.

In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.