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July 14, 2024



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, July 20**

3:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance - church

STEWARDSHIP - July 7, 2024 \$7,689,52**IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:**

Robert Alley
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FINDING A CHURCH ON VACATION:

It's summer time! Many of us will be vacationing and many will be looking for a Catholic church to attend Mass. To locate a Catholic church anywhere, log on to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two." This Sunday we read the first sending of the Apostles to preach, teach, and heal. For many of us, it can be easy to think we "just don't have enough" to be disciples and evangelists ourselves. We don't have enough education and training. We don't have enough experience talking to people about Jesus. We don't pray enough. We don't have enough faith. If we look at the Apostles in today's Gospel reading, they didn't have much either. "No food, no sack, no money in their belts." They didn't plan out their itinerary or book their lodging in advance. From what we know of the Apostles, they were not the religiously trained and educated ones. They were fisherman, tax collectors, and political activists. But what does being a fisherman require? Someone like Peter needed a strong work ethic to rise at strange hours. He needed patient calm to wait for the catch. Once ashore, he needed a savvy mind to fetch a good price for his labors.

As Peter became a fisher of men, he would need diligence to persevere though the hard journeys, long days, and persecution that awaited him. He would need patient calm with those who disagreed with him. As the leader of the Apostles, he would need a savvy mind to navigate challenges facing the early Church. From one perspective, Peter has nothing to offer the mission of Jesus. Thinking more creatively, one can see that--joined with faith and love--perhaps Peter has everything he needed.

Jesus sends you as well. As you take stock of your own talents, consider how they might be offered as a gift to others. Maybe you already have more than enough.

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

The letter to the Ephesians relates to us that God, the Father has established a divine plan to bring all of creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with the divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord.



PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE:

A quick look at July’s holiday calendar reveals the month to be one that celebrates national hot dog day (July 17th); national ice cream day (July 21st); and national paperback book day (July 30th). These and other quaint holidays all serve to underscore the fact that the month of July is probably ground zero for those “lazy, hazy, crazy” days of summer. If the month of June finds us finishing off the graduation parties, the month of August brings “back-to-school sales.” But July? The month of July is swimming, picnicking, the lake or the beach, and vacation. July brings Fourth of July parades and highways and airports jammed with travelers. How does one exercise the virtues of our Christian faith during this busy, noisy, boisterous sun-filled month?

The July issue of the **International Council on Stewardship** offers the following random ideas for the month of July.

1. *Invite a single friend over for a meal.*
2. *Turn off your digital world for one hour, and spend that hour devoted to someone you love.*
3. *Attend an extra Mass on a weekday during this month.*
4. *Abstain from something you like--meat, a latte, a cold drink on Fridays and save the money for a charity.*
5. *Take your rosary with you on your early morning walk.*
6. *Recycle more.*
7. *Think of a charity which is amply blessed at Christmas, and remember it with a mid-year gift.*
8. *Each day, say a prayer for those who suffer in one of the world’s troubled spots.*
9. *Surprise an old friend with a telephone call.*
10. *Buy or pick a flower for someone without a “reason”.*
11. *Take the family to a farmer’s market if in season.*
12. *Stop for a moment during your busy day, relax and reflect on God’s gifts to you that day.*
13. *If you hear a good homily, presentation, or talk, tell the speaker.*
14. *Splurge on some produce and buy enough to share with someone in need.*
15. *On occasion, try turning the memorized recitation of prayer before meals into a spontaneous prayer of thanks, using your own words.*

Please remember that gratitude is fundamental to the Christian life and there is much to be grateful for during these warm days of July. Remember to begin each day

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday,	July 15, St. Bonaventure Bishop/Doctor of the Church
6:45 A.M.	Fred Atenza - Macapinlac family
Tuesday,	July 16, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Faithful departed
Wednesday	July 17, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Mary Amisano - Guy
Thursday,	July 18, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Charles Dickinson - daughter, Jan Graves
Friday,	July 19, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Faithful departed
Saturday,	July 20, Weekday
	Joseph Along - Elaine and Rodney Kerrick
Sunday,	July 21 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M.	Dorothy Pfaff - John & Susie Alexander
10:30 A.M.	Janice Naccarella - Donna & Diane

Pastor’s Perspective Continued:

with a grateful heart and a resolve to be thankful for the many ways God continues to bless our lives.

Have a great week.. Please stay healthy, well, and safe. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

.....Fr. L

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy, kind of vanilla, kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceived Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out His apostles, “**two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.**” **Two-by-two:** they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons:** they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts:** they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:



July 21-26

Men and Women Retreat - ‘Prayer as Discernment’ Deepening the Real Presence of our Trinitarian God with Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.

July 24

Men and Women Retreat - Following Jesus in a Polarized World, with Fr. Aaron Wessman, G.H.M. (Sponsored by DOR Social Ministry)

August 15

Men and Women Retreat - -Bread of Life - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist.

August 23-25

Couples Retreat--Just As You Are.-.Encountering God’s Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: “SEEK FIRST”, Journey through the parables. Grade K-6th grade.

Adult volunteers are needed to help make VBS a success. If you feel the call to serve the parish in this way, please reach out to Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office. Volunteers are needed for:

- Music leader
- Arts/Crafts Leader
- Classroom Catechists (2)
- High School Helpers

Please contact Amanda.reeves@dor.org, or lily.barr@dor.org or 607-739-8214



The Food Pantry is requesting the following much needed food items:

Crackers (saltine or ritz type), **Cereals** (oatmeal or cold cereals), and “**frosting** for cake mixes”

The Pantry is always in need of **personal care items** as they are not available from the Food Bank. This includes: **body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine personal hygiene items.** They cannot accept over the counter medicines or vitamins.

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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE TRIVIA:

(You will need a Bible to find the answers.)
Or use the multiple choice in the next column)

1. How many individual books are in the New Testament of the Bible?

2. Who is the author of the last book of the Bible?

3. What is the first three words of the Bible?

4. What is the first book named after a women?

5. What is the book with only three letters in it's name?

6. What is the name of the second book of the New Testament?

7. What is the name of the longest book of the Bible?

8. What is the last word in the Bible?

9. What are the names of the four Gospels?

10. What book of the Bible do we find the story of the creation of Man and Women?

Answers to Bible Trivia: (not in order of the questions)

Ruth Mark Amen In The Beginning 27
Psalms Job Matthew Mark Luke and John
Genesis John

SAINT BONAVENTURE:

Saint Bonaventure was a famous Franciscan friar. He lived in the 13th century. He was born in Italy in 1221. His birth name was Giovanni di Fidanza.

As a young man, Bonaventure became very ill. His mother prayed to Saint Francis of Assisi for help. Bonaventure got better and decided to join the Franciscan Order. He studied in Paris and became a great teacher. Bonaventure was known for his wisdom and love for God. He wrote many books about the faith. He also helped lead the Franciscan Order. People called him the "Seraphic Doctor" because of his deep love and understanding. Seraphic means good and pure, like an angel.

. Bonaventure was a man of prayer known for his embrace of simplicity and poverty. When he was made a cardinal in 1273 he refused to wear the traditional red hat of a cardinal. Instead he left it hanging on a bush! As a child he was called John.

He was canonized on April 14th, 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V. His feast day is July 15th. Many writings believed in the Middle Ages to be his are now collected under the name Pseudo-**Bonaventure**.



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