

## Daily Readings for the Week of July 7, 2024

Sunday, 7/7: Ezekiel 2:2-5/ Ps 123:1-4/ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10/ Mark 6:1-6

Monday, 7/8: Hosea 2:16-18,21-22/ Ps 145:2-9/ Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, 7/9: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13/ Ps 115:3-10/ Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, 7/10: 2 Corinthians 4:6-11/16/17/ Ps 59:2,10,17-18/ Matthew 16:24-27

Thursday, 7/11: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9/ Ps 80:2-3,15-16/ Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, 7/12: Hosea 14:2-10/ Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17/ Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, 7/13: Isaiah 6:1-8/ Ps 93:1-2,5/ Matthew 10:24-33

## Schedule for July 14, 2024

Lector: Eli

Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family

Servers: Kevin/Declan

Money Counters: Monte/Sharon

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Rick/Margo



## Today's Mass Intention Treyton Lange

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Duane and Jean Feuss

### Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at [DBQ137@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQ137@dbqarch.org).

## Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,

Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,

Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes,

Marsha Lasack, Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



# Pastor Speaks

## *Understanding Pastoral Care to the Sick (Part Two)*

### **Historical Foundation**

Last weekend, I began a new catechesis on pastoral care to the sick. The reason for tackling this topic is due to its relevance to all of us as aging and sickness are things we must all deal with directly or indirectly. Therefore, understanding this gift of God, entrusted to us in the Church, can support us to embrace the gift of growing in age and the pain and suffering associated with aging and illness.

Also, last weekend, I focused on the biblical foundation of pastoral care to the sick. What does the Bible teach us about aging and attending to the sick? Aware of the natural process of aging, and the fact that we all might deal with illness sometime in our life, God's Word reveals God's support through the Church. Today we consider the practices and teachings of the Church in history.

The Church continued with the biblical practice of attending to the sick right from the apostolic time to today. According to the writings of Justin Martyr (165 AD), the practice of attending to the pastoral care of the sick was done by deacons. During that time, it was customary for deacons to take the Eucharist to those who were absent for reason of illness or old age. It seems that the rite of anointing was not included at that point, indicating the reception of Holy Communion and prayer as the elements of the visit to the sick.

Another important document, dealing with the care of the sick, was *The Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus of Rome*, which was composed approximately in 215. Hippolytus, a priest, sought to preserve for the Church early century practices that were in danger of falling to disuse or innovation. In this document, he noted how bishops blessed oil for anointing the sick.

Earlier popes, such as Pope Innocent in the 4th century, not only dealt with the issue of anointing of the sick but also emphasized the blessing of oil by the bishop to be used for such purpose.

From history, we notice that it is in caring for the sick through anointing and Holy Communion by the Church, that God addresses the sanctification and health of those who are indisposed.