

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 4, 2021**



**NO BAD NEWS**

There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations. The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or “strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**FIRST READING** — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (*Ezekiel 2:2-5*).

**PSALM** — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (*PSALM 123*).

**SECOND READING** — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*)

**GOSPEL** — “Where did this man get all this?  
Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?”  
(*Mark 6:1-6a*).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- Monday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria;  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Tuesday:** St. Maria Goretti
- Friday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong  
and Companions
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- Sunday Mass** 8:00 a.m. (*Live*)  
10:00 a.m. (*Live & Recorded*)
- Wednesday: Communion Service - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**

## FEAST OF FAITH

### *Little Mysteries*

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, “little mysteries”—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his **hands!** But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ’s divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action.

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## GREATER – KANSAS CITY’S JULY- HOLY ROSARY RALLY

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima at the July Holy Rosary Rally which will be held on Sunday July 11th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm at the Oratory of Old St. Patrick, 806 Cherry St. Kansas City, MO 64106. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular

For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit [www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org) or call *Jim Finnegan*, contact Person, (913) 951-1551

## KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH DIOCESE

The Office of Divine Workshops will present three workshops in July and September

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

July 15<sup>th</sup> :

Location: St. Therese North,

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion

Please Call your Church Office to register for this workshop.

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## FORWARD IN FAITH – FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We are proud to report that our proceeds from the Parking Lot Garage Sell has totaled **\$9,354.96**, to date!

We have extended the SHOE DRIVE to **JULY 25<sup>th</sup>**.

- ✚ The public is invited to participate in donating gently worn, used, and new shoes .
- ✚ The amount of money raised, is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected.
- ✚ All donated shoes will be distributed to micro-enterprise partners through **FUNDS2ORGS** .
- ✚ *Shoe donations will be accepted in Ferguson Hall, after each Sunday Mass.*

*See Ramonda Doakes, Coordinator*

## OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder, Home Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald & Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Herman Lovett, Home, Mr. & Mrs. Paris Harriington, Earl Greene, Home, Mr. And Mrs. Ovell Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Allison McDonald, Home, Earnestine Nard, John Knotts Rehab., Barbara Parks, Home

# JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

Church Offices will be closed on  
Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

*Have a Safe and enjoyable  
Holiday weekend.*

**Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday – NOON**