

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 27, 2021**

You changed my mourning into dancing  
O LORD, my God,  
forever will I give you thanks.

— *Psalm 30:13*

**JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HELPING OTHERS**

In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point.

After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

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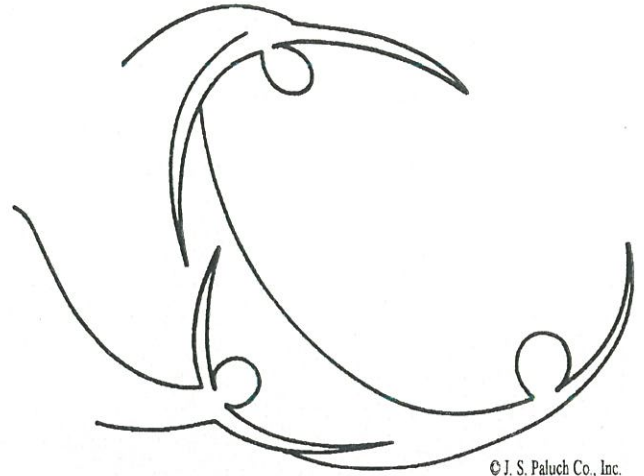
**First Reading** — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (**Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (**Psalm 30**).

**Second Reading** — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (**2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**).

**GOSPEL** — Your faith has saved you (**Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]**).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Irenaeus
- Tuesday:** Ss. Peter and Paul
- Wednesday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Thursday:** Saint Junipero Serra; Canada Day
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Thomas; First Saturday



<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b> (Live)
	<b>10:00 A.M.</b> (Live & Recorded)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b> (Live)
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>



## FEAST OF FAITH

### Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the "Preparation." What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands."

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!" We have brought forward our gifts, our offerings to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours – the gifts that we give are God's gifts to us. It is "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." Bread and wine are both God's work, and not ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan.

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## SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder, Home, Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Ray Myers, Research Hospital, 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 Harrington, Home, Earl Greene, Home, Mr. & Mrs. Ovell Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Allison McDonald, Home

## SAINT MONICA WILL CONTINUE THE SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The public is invited to participate in the shoe drive to raise funds for our "FORWARD IN FAITH" Fundraiser.

- ❖ Donations of gently worn, used and new shoes will be accepted.
- ❖ The amount of money raised, is determined by the 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



## DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS

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

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**LOCATIONS: ST. THERESE NORTH (JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>)**

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

**ST. MARK PARISH, (SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>)**

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

**St. Mark, (Sept. 29th)**

*Lector Training*

## FORWARD IN FAITH



St. Monica! You out did yourselves as usual. *Thanks to each of you* we had a profitable wonderful fun-filled fundraising event. Our "Treasure Hunt Garage Sale" was a total hit. Great music...yes, some of you even danced!! Good food from the "grill masters". Fantastically designed (our own Chinerdu) t-shirts, wonderful vendors. And, most of all, the numerous items provided by you for our sale. We made money. We chatted. We shopped. We ate. We saw folks we haven't seen in a year. We welcomed new parishioners. The fellowship was wonderful!

A special "THANK YOU" to the sellers, donors: in-kind and monetary, office staff, volunteers (especially those who moved tables & chairs), all our ministries who provided wonderful support and our committee members who worked tirelessly donating funds, time and extraordinary effort to make this fundraising activity a success.

We will continue to seek new ways in which we honor our pledge of stewardship by utilizing the gifts that God has provided each of us. Know that your support is priceless.

Again, thank you for all you do,  
The Stewardship Committee