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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

Matthew 13:31-32

The Spirit Comes to the Aid of Our Weakness



Beloved,

We surely do not know how to pray... but we are assured by St. Paul that the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Here we are in the middle of the summer and many of us are not traveling very far. However, some of you are snowbirds and are keeping contact with us through the electronic bulletin. Some of you are watching us on line. Some of you are simply keeping us in prayers as you watch other Masses on television or online. Even though we may be scattered like seed on the ground, we hope that God will call us together into the Bread of Life and the wine become Blood of Christ.

These parables are so beautiful. I invite you to take time with them and allow yourself to be taught by God through his Son and Holy Spirit.

Let us give praise to God that by the time you read this, we will have no debt.

We are hoping to get the Parish Newsletter out in a few weeks.

A big thank you to Kelsi for her gifts in this area. Thanks to our great volunteers and benefactors, we are able to keep the food pantry alive and thriving. Thank YOU! Please keep McKenzie and Ivonne in your prayers as they will be confirmed by Bishop Felipe in the Cathedral on August 9th. Also, we will be receiving Daniel into full communion with the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist on August 8th.

St. Augustine shares with us the teaching of St. Paul from his Sermon 364B, 1:

This life of ours is like traveling abroad from our home country. St. Paul says “As long as we are in the body, we are traveling abroad from the Lord”. Since we are still traveling in a foreign land, we ought to keep in mind what our home country is—that country to which we must hasten by turning our backs on the attractions and delights of this life. This homeland towards which we travel is the only place where we can find true rest because God does not wish us to find rest anywhere else but there. The reason is simple: if God gave us perfect rest while we were still abroad, we would find no pleasure in returning home.

Beloved, during this corona virus, we need to remember that God has gifted us with time to return. Fifty years from now we look at this time with a simple smile and gentle laugh. I pray you take the time to say a simple, “Thank you God for my struggles. I know you will turn my smallness into something magnificent.”

Have a beautiful week in God’s garden.

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron +



Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



The Word of God is at the Tips of Our Fingers

Isn't it amazing that each one of us has the very words of God at the tips of our fingers? And yet how often do we leave our Bibles untouched on a bookshelf somewhere? Go find your Bible and dust it off. Put it in a place of prominence in your home, where you will see it and walk by it often. Get in a habit of reading it, even for just a few minutes every day.

If someone asked what your favorite Bible quote is, would your mind draw a blank or would you find it difficult to choose because you know so many inspiring scriptures? God's words are meant to give us hope. God's words are meant to give us light. All we need to do is open the book!

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses Limit 50

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Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Daily Masses Limit 20 No Reservations Needed

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

Facebook Live Events

Holy Hour Friday 4:30 PM

Rosary Saturday 3:00 PM

Mass Sunday 10:30 AM

Father Ron's Bible Study

Focus: The Gospel according to Matthew

Every Tuesday at 6:15 pm (Limit 10)

(Live on Facebook & Website)

Limit 10 in Person

Ministry Schedules

Saturday, July 25, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Gaines, George Schiffbauer, Earl Wallace

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Maus

Lectors: Mary Jo Perry, Helen Muir

Altar Server: Cory Donnelly

Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Hiss, Eddie Dubeck, Ricky Webb

Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski

Lectors: Stephanie Husky, Catherine Webb

Altar Server: Benjamin Motl

Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Betty Poteet

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy

Lectors: Erin Fortner

Altar Server:

This Week's Readings

Monday: MIC 6:1-4, 6-8; PS 50:5-6, 8-9,16-17,21,23; MT 12:38-42

Tuesday: MIC 7:14-15, 18-20; PS 85:2-4,5-6,7-8; JN 14:23; MT 12:46-50

Wednesday: SNG 31:1-4B or 2Cor 5:14-17; PS 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9; JN 20:1-2,11-18

Thursday: JER 2:1-3,7-8,12-13, PS 36:6-7,8-9,10-11; MT 13:10-17

Friday: JER 3:14-17; JER 31:10,11-12,13; MT 13:18-23

Saturday: 2COR 4:7-15; PS 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6; MT 20:20-28

Sunday: 1KING 3:5,7-12; PS 119:57,72,76-77, 127-128, 129-130; MT 13: 44-52; ROM 8:28-30



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to stay updated on
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CCF Teachers Needed

While we are still struggling with being home, our walk with our Lord is surely increasing in its intensity.

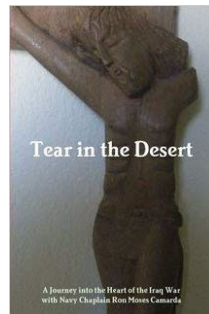
Have you questioned him on what you can do to help more in his service?

Do you work well with children?

Are you or have you been a teacher and now want to share that love and watch children bloom in knowing that God loves them?

Please call the parish office if you feel that quiet whisper of our Lord's leading!

A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War with Navy Chaplain Father Ron Moses Camarda.



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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, July 18

**Reid Family
Mass of Thanksgiving**

Sunday, July 19

Parishioners

**Tuesday July 21
+Alberto M. David**

**Wednesday, July 22
+Elaine Jackson**

**Thursday, July 23
+Sara Grochmal**

Friday, July 24

Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,
David Cummings, Frank Comer,
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Freligh, Edna Blandford
Redonna Futch, Angie Spena, Eric Dobbs,
Susan Walwik, Laura Hall

Please call the office at 386-325-9777 if you know
someone that needs added

Happy Birthday!

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Jeanne Cooper
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Joseph Guthrie



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