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**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 3, 2022

The harvest
is abundant
but the
laborers
are few;
so ask the
master of the
harvest to
send out
laborers for
the harvest.

Luke 10:2

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**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**

***** Monday, 4th of July, National Holiday *****

Mass 9:00am

**Our offices will be closed starting
July 4th through July 15th for summer break.**

***** Lunes 4 de julio, Fiesta Nacional *****

Misa 9:00am

**Nuestras oficinas estarán cerradas a partir
del 4 al 15 de julio para las vacaciones de verano.**

For by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free Memorial Acclamation

Since this Monday is the 4th of July, Independence Day, perhaps this would be a good time to reflect on the concept of freedom. This holiday we celebrate our liberation from tyranny and oppression. This is a freedom from an external force, but there is another kind of freedom, a freedom from internal oppression.

Consider the three virtues of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience. These are the vows professed by religious as they enter into their vocation. But all of us are called to live these virtues and they have a lot to do with freedom.

The call to Chastity. Most of us think this means no sex, celibacy. But chastity is far more than that and all of us are called to live a chaste life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All baptized are called to chastity". Chastity means to experience liberation from the passions within us. There are internal passions which chain us, and not just sex, consider obsessions over food, gambling, drinking, even an excessive fixation with entertainment. These are not evil or harmful in themselves, but we can become overly concerned with satisfying our passions, they start as bad habits, then become obsessions, from their progress to addictions and finally they incorporate themselves into our beings as destructive lifestyles. At this point we have lost our freedom. The Catechism addresses this "either a person governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy".

If Chastity entails freedom from the enslavement to our passions, poverty addresses our enslavement to material possessions. Religious are called to surrender almost all material possessions through the vow of poverty. In the Gospel today Jesus asks his apostles to "carry no money, bag, no sack, no sandals".

But for us the journey is different. We have to live in the world, to have jobs, provide a home and material goods for ourselves and our families. It is acceptable that we own things, yes, but we have to be careful for there is a point at which we allow material goods to own us. We can become obsessed with having the biggest TVs, the most luxurious cars, the best clothes, the largest home in the neighborhood. In our obsession with owning more and more we literally lose our freedom. We don't possess things, they now possess us. We are slaves to our goods.

Finally, we consider the virtue of Obedience. And we have a hard time viewing this in terms of freedom. By its very nature, obedience implies loss of freedom, we let others tell us what to do. The key question is obedience to whom and for what purpose.

If Chastity is freedom from the enslavement of the passions, and Poverty is freedom from the enslavement of material objects, then obedience is freedom from the enslavement of the will. Yes, the will, this over concern that my life is all about me, that everything revolves around my needs, my desires. Obedience then is about surrendering this "me" but surrendering this will to the will of God.

Think of it this way. You exist solely because God loves you and has loved you from the beginning of time. He rejoiced on the day you were born. You exist to know the God who created you, to understand the love behind your creation. And to discover the unique plan He has in mind for you. Surrendering your will, your enslavement to the self, gives you the freedom to become the special person God wants you to be. And to be happy for it, because freedom is always about joy.

We are the land of the free. We have far more freedoms than most other countries. And we celebrate it joyfully. But perhaps we also need a different kind of liberation. And this isn't about freedom for the sake of freedom. It is a freedom that allows us to enter deeper and more profoundly into our relationship with our creator. When Moses first approached Pharaoh, he asked that his people be set free so they could go for three days into the desert to worship their God. That's the freedom we seek.

Consider if there is anything that enslaves you, prevents you from approaching the God who loves you so completely. The first step to true liberty is to recognize the enslavement. Then to accept that by ourselves we cannot achieve true freedom, we absolutely need God's grace. Freedom is achieved by a cooperation between you and God. The psalm for today reads "Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer". Ask Him to truly set you free.

~ Rico Chapa

Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Friday, July 8th to Saturday, July 16th

Weekday Masses: 7pm
Weekend Masses: Sunday Schedule
July 16th: 8:00am & 5:30pm
(Rosary before Mass)

Mass Intentions will be accepted at all the Masses. Please write your Mass intentions in the book and deposit an envelope with your donation in the candle box inside the church.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power. O help me and show me that you are my Mother.

Our Lady, queen and beauty of Carmel, pray for me and obtain my requests. Sweet Mother, I place this cause into your hands.

Oh bellísima Flor del Monte Carmelo, Viña Fructífera, Esplendor del Cielo, Santísima Madre del Hijo de Dios, Virgen Inmaculada, ayúdame en esta mi necesidad. Estrella del mar, ayúdame y muéstrame aquí que eres mi Madre.

Oh Santa María, Madre de Dios, Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra, te suplico humildemente desde el fondo de mi corazón que me socorras en esta necesidad; no hay nadie que pueda resistir tu poder. Oh, muéstrame aquí que eres mi Madre, oh María, concebida sin pecado, ruega por nosotros que recurrimos a ti.

Dulce madre, pongo esta causa en tus manos.





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Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2nd

8:00am Special Int./Shirley Johnson

5:30pm Antonia G. Bernal & Virginia B. Tellez/R.I.P.

Sunday, July 3rd

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.

10:00am Special Int./Pueblo High School,
Administration & Community

12:00pm Alegria Cancino/Happy Birthday

6:00pm Special Int./Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.

Monday, July 4th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Alegria Cancino/Happy Birthday

Tuesday, July 5th

John Nguyen/R.I.P.

8:00am Susy Arreola/R.I.P.

Wednesday, July 6th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Francis Xavier Cao/R.I.P.

Thursday, July 7th

Peter Phan/R.I.P.

8:00am Stephanie Estavillo/Happy Birthday

Friday, July 8th

Maria Vu/R.I.P.

8:00am Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Parish Collection June 26th, 2022

Collection: \$ 4,885.11

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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

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Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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