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**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**  
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**Director of Religious Education:** Celeste Geier

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., July 6:** For the People  
**Mon., July 7:** No Mass  
**Tues., July 8:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wed., July 9:** †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
**Thurs., July 10:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fri., July 11:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sat., July 12:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Offertory Collections:**  
**St. Joseph’s**  
**Sat., June 28:** \$ 235.00  
**Sun., June 29:** \$ 669.50  
**St. Mary’s**  
**Sun., June 22:** No Mass

**Annual Catholic Appeal**  
**to date:** \$ 14,220.00  
**Month of May 2025**  
**Income:** \$ 6,429.02  
**Expenses:** \$ 10,433.58  
\$ (4,004.56)

**Mass Servers**

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., July 5	Richelle Link	Julie O’Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., July 6	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., July 12	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., July 13	Genne Taganahan	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., July 19	Julie O’Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O’Dell
Sun., July 20	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora

**Mass Schedule**  
**St. Joseph’s Church – Hardin**  
**Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday—Friday**  
**St. Mary’s Mission – Custer**  
**Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
**For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,** please contact Father Cally  
**Contact Numbers:**  
**All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432**  
**Bulletin—Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257**

**Weekly Calendar**

**Wed., July 9:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Fri., July 11:** July Healing Mass, 5:30 pm,  
All are welcome!  
**Tues., July 15:** Finance Council, 3:00 pm,  
in the rectory

**“Just for Fun” Days**

- July 11: International Town Criers Day
- July 17: National Hot Dog Day
- July 22: Spooner’s Day
- July 23: National Day of the Cowboy
- July 27: Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day
- July 30: National Cheesecake Day

*God is good all the time:  
all the time God is good!*



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(Lect 102—Year C)

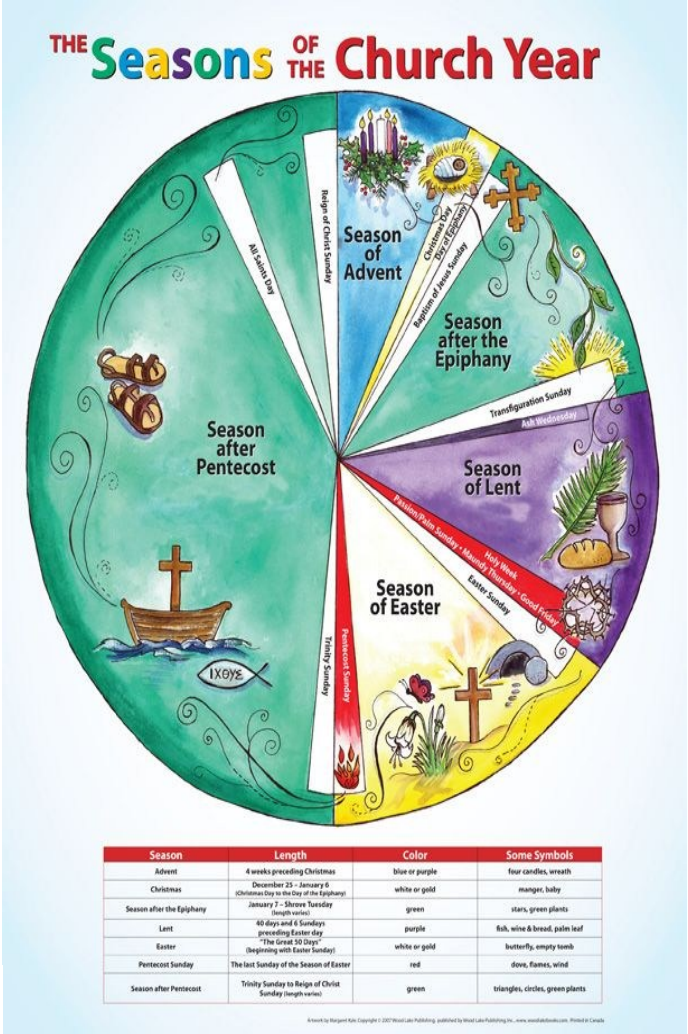
“The harvest is abundant,” Jesus begins, likely sending feelings of joy and anticipation rippling through the gathering (Luke 10:2). “But the laborers are few,” he continues, “Behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves” (10:2-3). That puts a damper on things! Then he sends them off on this daunting work with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. But he has given them something much greater than what they could put in a money bag or sack: the power to proclaim that the kingdom of God is near. Indeed, they return rejoicing, having cured the sick and driven out demons. These are truly signs of **the** kingdom. We are those laborers for the kingdom now. We can bring peace to our households by offering forgiveness and understanding. We can heal suffering by giving comfort and care to those in needs. We can drive out the demons of sin, injustice, and oppression when we work to defeat them. It is not easy. Saint Paul attests to that when he says that he bears the marks of Jesus on his body. But the reward is great, for the power of Jesus’ cross, of which Paul boasts, makes God’s harvest of souls into the kingdom abundant.

*What will you do to help manifest the kingdom of God in the world?*

*Welcome July*

*May your faith bring you  
Peace, Hope and Love to your  
heart and everlasting joy to  
your soul.  
May you find reasons to  
smile and rejoice every  
precious moment, and may  
the blessings of the lord  
shine upon you today, and  
every day of this*

*New Month & Always*



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# Dear Padre,

*At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves?*

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed.

The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The disciples were sent two by two, not individually.... Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside us and taking into account their point of view; whether we do so in community, not by ourselves.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 3, 2022

### Monday

July 7  
Weekday  
Gn 28:10–22a  
Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday

July 8  
Weekday  
Gn 32:23–33  
Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday

July 9  
Weekday  
Gn 41:55–57;  
42:5–7a, 17–24a  
Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday

July 10  
Weekday  
Gn 44:18–21,  
23b–29; 45:1–5  
Mt 10:7–15

### Friday

July 11  
St. Benedict, Abbot  
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30  
Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday

July 12  
Weekday  
Gn 49:29–32;  
50:15–26a  
Mt 10:24–33

### Sunday

July 13  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Dt 30:10–14  
Col 1:15–20  
Lk 10:25–37

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 66:10–14c / Galatians 6:14–18 / Luke 10:1–12, 17–20 or 10:1–9



## Bloom Where You Are Planted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**If you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be?** Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to "bloom where you are planted," sometimes we can feel as if we've been planted among weeds—the people we've been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we've been sent. It is in the lives we have that we

work out our salvation, for Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we've been planted. ●

### Reflect

*What is the hardest part of my life right now?  
What is the most blessed?*



The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

LUKE 10:1