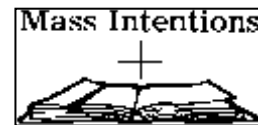


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Mass Attendance June 18/19 362



June 27 - July 03
MondayMelissa Ripa(+)
TuesdayPaul Jordan(liv)
ThursdayMike Kutcher(liv)
FridayTrey Corbirr(+)
SaturdayBelinda Muir(+)
Sunday.....DeAnna Hickenbotham(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Young Adults
Save the date of July 30th to gather with young adults from across the diocese to celebrate World Youth Day. We will gather at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Niceville for talks, small groups, Holy Hour, Mass, and connect with World Youth Day in Poland. Register on-line at www.ptdiocese.org/WYD2016

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 6/27 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 6/28 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 6/29 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.



Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day. This year the focus is on the lives of more than 14 women and men of faith, from all over the world, who bear witness to authentic freedom in Christ.

St. Peter Olympics
On Thursday, July 21st, the children from Eleanor Johnson Youth Center will be visiting us for the day. The theme this year is 2016 St. Peter Olympics. We need volunteers to help at this event (10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and would especially welcome moms and dads with elementary school children to help, so their children can participate in the Olympics as well. There will be a cookout, crafts, competitions, teamwork, and awards. We need storytellers, coaches, fans, crafters, and cooks. Please contact Joni if you would like to assist, 830-2875.



Living God's Word

Being a disciple doesn't necessarily require that we leave our current lives behind. Sometimes discipleship requires that we stay right where we are and care for the people God has placed within our reach.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of July 2/3
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Hoover, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault, Angela Zangerle
Lectors: Ana Fails, _____
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Heather Metruck, Mickey Shawbitz
Greeter: Joni Flanagan
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Al and Louise Perreault
8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie, Shelia Casselberry, Nancy McCreary
Lectors: Susi Evers, Paul Landry
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley
Greeter: Deidre Henderson
Sacristan: Maria Bridges
Elijah Cup: Aurora Zierden
Coffee and Donuts: Cancelled this weekend
10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Christopher Manion, Alexandra Manion, Micayla Colwell
Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Russo, Melody Grogan, Becky Bittakis, Penny Sweeney
Lectors: Therese Sweeney, Mark Day
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Mike Sweeney
Greeter: Terri Trunbull
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Gertrudes Matiga
Coffee and Donuts: Cancelled this weekend

“No one who sets a hand to the plow, and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.” Jesus was fond of using agricultural terms and images when teaching His Apostles and His followers, and this quote, which comes at the end of our Gospel Reading from Luke today, is an excellent example of that.

In fact, you almost have to have had experience with farming and plowing to understand what it means. It is important for the health and sustenance of crops that the furrows made by a plow, and in which the seeds will be planted, are **straight. Whether plowing in Jesus' time either by hand or with a plow pulled by oxen, in order to plow straight rows, someone had to focus on where he was going, not on where he had been. It has not changed with our modern farm equipment today.**

In other words, the secret is to look forward, and to assure that you are going in a straight line. Looking back invariably made the person plowing lose focus. That is Jesus' point to us. As good stewards we must keep our focus on Him, on following Him, and on being His disciple. That allows us to move toward our goal of holiness and of being the kind of disciple He wants us to be.



Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike Kutcher

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*, Ann Crouch*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga*, Bonita Long

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

Ordinary Time

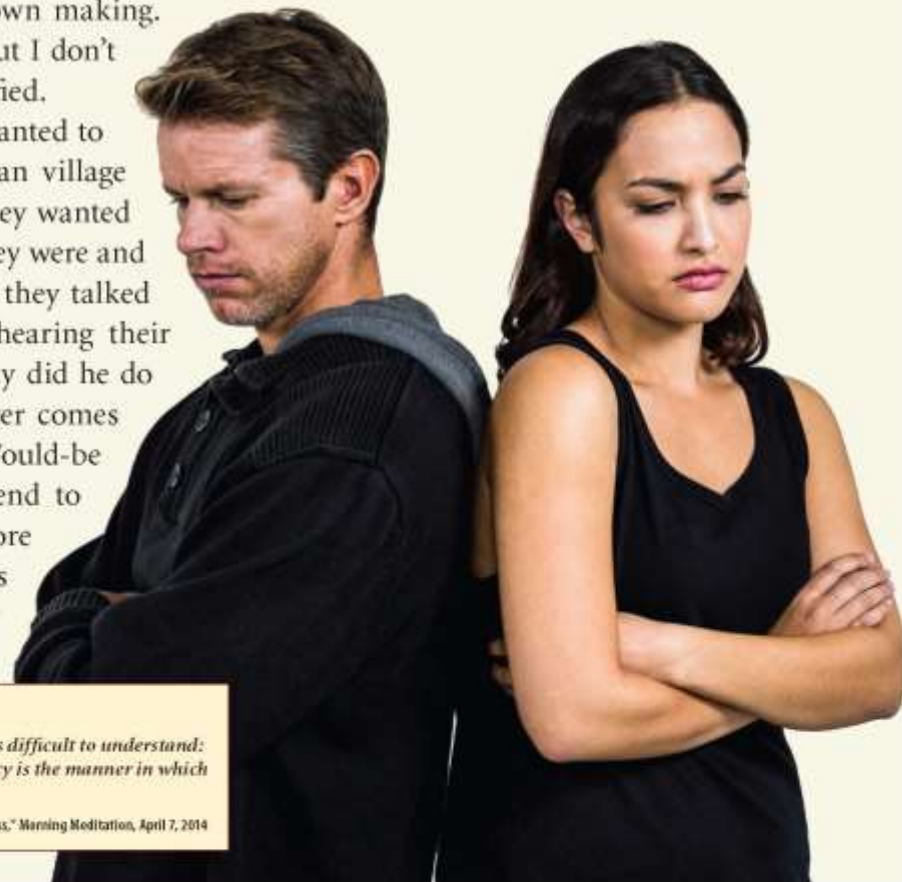
June 26, 2016 ♦ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 ♦ Gal 5:1, 13-18 ♦ Lk 9:51-62

There have been a few times in my life when someone's actions have hurt me so badly that I hardly knew how to react. At those times, I have dealt with sadness, anger, and the desire for revenge. Reflecting back, I realize it takes me a long time to let go of hurt. My mind returns to the offense; I think about what I wanted to say. I want the person to acknowledge the hurt and to apologize, to admit I was right and she was wrong. Sometimes I feel I am caught in a trap of my own making. I want to be free of the hurt, but I don't want to let it go until I am satisfied.

In the Gospel, the apostles wanted to call down fire on the Samaritan village that did not welcome Jesus. They wanted the village to see how wrong they were and how right Jesus was. I imagine they talked about it until Jesus, tired of hearing their complaints, rebuked them. Why did he do that? At least part of the answer comes in the passage that follows. Would-be followers of Jesus want to attend to something in their past life before they join him. Jesus reminds them of the futility of that by

using an example that is immediately apparent to farmers. To plow a straight line, we have to look ahead and follow the one who leads us. If we turn our heads to look back, our line and our lives will go crooked. Clinging to past hurts makes it hard to look ahead. If we are to be disciples, we must learn to let go and forgive even as we are forgiven.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"[Mercy] is something which is difficult to understand: it doesn't eliminate sin... Mercy is the manner in which God forgives."

—"Forgiveness in a caress," Morning Meditation, April 7, 2014



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dear Padre

June 26, 2016



Why Catholic VBS is best

I want to send my daughter to Vacation Bible School at a nearby Protestant church. My husband insists we send her to a Catholic VBS across town. It's five half-days of fun and games—does it matter whether it's Catholic?

While it's true that much of VBS is games, crafts, and snacks, it's best for Catholic children to go to Catholic VBS because Protestant VBS doesn't include Catholic content like sacraments, saints, and practices.

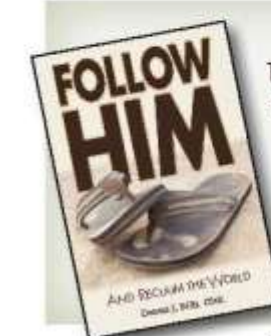
A solid Catholic VBS program integrates well with the standard religion curriculum. The Bible lessons should have an *imprimatur*, and verses should come from a Catholic version of the Bible. Look for *Catechism* citations to see the teachings the program supports. The theme—a camp, a treasure hunt, the beach—is important but not as important as the content.

If no nearby parishes are hosting VBS, encourage your parish to do it next year.

Many Catholic publishers (including Liguori) sell inexpensive starter kits with step-by-step instructions for planning and running a VBS as well as teacher materials, music, decorating ideas, and sample accessories. If parishioners donate art supplies, decorating materials, snacks, and prizes, the parish's overall cost is minimal.

A common challenge is finding enough volunteers. Sometimes several parishes pool their talent to offer one large VBS; others use teen or senior volunteers. If you do VBS right, you can engage your entire parish in teaching children about Jesus—and there's nothing more Catholic than that.

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FOLLOW HIM

The suffering of the cross stems from the call to discipleship. When we shoulder our cross and follow the way of the Lord Jesus, the meaning of Golgotha takes on deeper significance. We are not just children of Adam. We are also friends and followers of Christ. We, who carry the dust of Adam in our blood, also carry the cross of Christ in our hearts.

—From *Follow Him and Reclaim the World* by Dennis J. Billy, CSSR (826504)

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Monday
JUNE 27
Weekday
Am 2:6-10, 13-16
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday
JUNE 28
St. Irenaeus,
Bishop and Martyr
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday
JUNE 29
Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19

Thursday
JUNE 30
Weekday
Am 7:10-17
Mt 9:1-8

Friday
JULY 1
Weekday
Am 8:4-6, 9-12
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday
JULY 2
Weekday
Am 9:11-15
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday
JULY 3
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10-14c
Gal 6:14-18
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
or 10:1-9

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