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Reflection on today's Gospel (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

In sending out seventy-two disciples, Jesus inaugurates the mission of spreading the Gospel to the whole world. In Genesis 10, seventy-two symbolizes the number of inhabitants of the whole world. If the disciples are to go out to such a massive and diverse population, they must be well prepared. Thus Jesus alerts them to the realities they will encounter and explains how they are to proceed on their mission.

Jesus frequently uses images that would be easily understood by his followers. The harvest metaphor would be familiar in the agrarian environment of first-century Palestine (even among his fishermen followers), as well as from its usage in the Bible. God, the Lord of the Harvest, is the one who provides the needed rain and watches over the harvest (Jeremiah 5:24). Though the workers must apply themselves, the bounty ultimately depends on the harvest master.

The second image is lambs among wolves. This frightful image is founded on the reality of daily life for shepherds as well as their flocks. Jesus' missionaries might also remember Isaiah's hopeful prophecy of the wolf lying down with the lamb, but Jesus warns them that he is sending them on a dangerous journey. Their success even among wolves will depend on the one who sent them.

After presenting symbolic pictures of the disciples' mission, Jesus moves to practical directives. They are not to be weighed down by anything that would prevent them from continuing on their missionary journey. Instructions in greetings, lodging, even eating and drinking emphasize the urgency of their task: waste no time on nonessentials and focus instead on proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Just as a successful harvest leads to rejoicing, so too do disciples rejoice in the success of their mission, including their being able to cast down Satan by Jesus' name. Even more than joy for their present success, they should rejoice in their names being written in heaven. Success in the present is only the beginning of eternal rejoicing.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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July 7, 2019: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 7:30 A.M.
Thursday 7:45 A.M.
Friday 7:45 A.M.
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment
Saturday 4:30 P.M.
Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18;

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

DISCOVERING CHRIST

A friend once told me that he lives every day of his life looking for a chance to meet the Lord. I agreed that this was the way I led my life also, until one day when I discovered exactly what he meant. He had been traveling in my neighborhood and had come across a young man, with no shoes on his feet, who was asking people for money outside the local convenience store. He told the young man that he would do what he could to get him some shoes and fresh clothing. And where did he bring this young man to find these shoes and clothes? To my house! I was taken aback when the two arrived at my front door and my friend explained the situation. He told me how excited he was that another day had passed, and he found this opportunity to meet the Lord. I was dumbfounded, yet profoundly humbled by the very presence of Christ in my home. I went to my dresser drawer and hesitated briefly as I drew out some clothes I hadn't worn in a long time. Something inside me said to go to the closet. There I pulled out my favorite jeans, a fairly new shirt and sweater, some new underclothes, a pair of shoes and socks. The young man went into the bathroom to change and when he emerged, his face was nothing less than radiant. In the meantime my friend had raided my refrigerator, had made up a "to-go" meal, and took the young man to a place where he could spend the night. (Continued on page 2, "The call rooted in discovery.")

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THE CALL ROOTED IN DISCOVERY

This experience taught me so much about what it means to be someone who tries to follow Christ. I discovered that in order to get to know Christ more and more, we have to be the ones who are diligently searching for him in the people we encounter every single day of our lives. Today the Lord Jesus asks us to pray that the abundant harvest will have more laborers. Let us pray that more and more people will have the courage to search for Christ in their everyday lives. And perhaps some will hear the voice of the Lord calling them into ordained ministry.

What does Ordinary Time mean in the Catholic Church?

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the *Liturgical year in the Catholic Church*, the fact that Ordinary time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church – the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectations of the Second Coming of Christ.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the week of 07-06-19 thru 07-12-19
6th: -- For the eternal repose of the soul of deceased members of the parish
7th: -- Mass for the intentions of all members of the parish
9th, 10th, 11th & 12th: For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Kathie and Steve Sema, Jr.

Weekend of July 13 & 14, 2019

MASS MINISTERS:

	5:00 pm Sat.	10:00 am Sun.
EMCH:	Christy Brown Colleen Gray	Matt Johnson Elsa McBride
Lectors:	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Alice Jackson Marcie McPhillips
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care:	July 2019 Ruth Pigorsch
Church Cleaning:	July 13 & 14, 2019 Rhonda & Steve Cauley

STEWARDSHIP FOR June 30, 2019

Regular: \$2,385.00
Peter's Pence \$177.00

DAILY MASS COMMITMENT

Please share your time by making a commitment one day a week to attend a daily Mass.

TUESDAY – 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY – 7:30 AM
THURSDAY – 7:45 AM
FRIDAY – 7:45 AM

Please signify which day you would like to attend. There are folders on a table in the church hall where you can sign up to attend a specific Mass.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place July 16, 2019 and will be filmed at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Chickasaw. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be celebrating the Masses.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

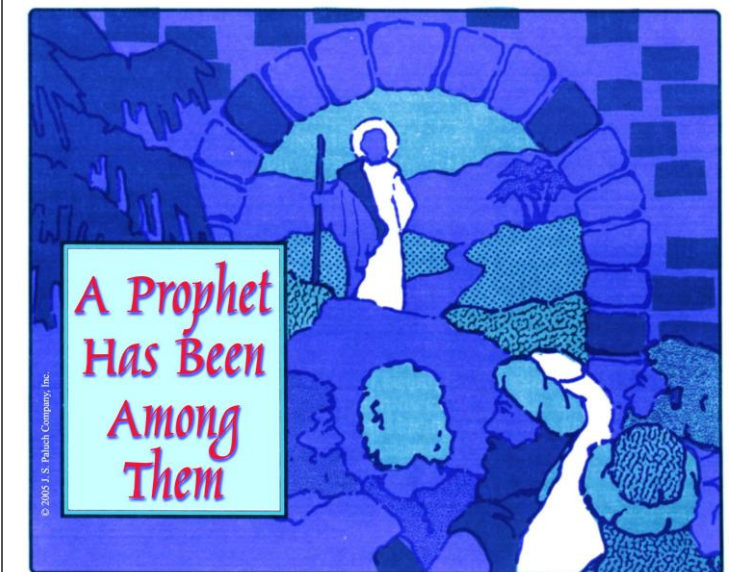
We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Events/Announcements for Week of July 13, 2019

- 1) **Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Our Homecoming Mass and Reception** was a very big success. There was a very large turn out and we saw a lot of new faces. A very big thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a success. Again, "Thank You."
- 3) **Thank You from the Golden Group:** The Golden Group is so grateful to all our parish family for their generous support of our 2B Baby Shower. We collected many needed baby items and monetary contributions which will be used lovingly in support of many babies. The 2B center was so happy to receive the love and support of the St. John's family
- 4) **The Golden Group July lunch meeting** is Wednesday, July 10th at 11:30 in the church hall. This is our summer ice cream social lunch and our entrée will be Brats, please bring your favorite side dish to share. We will have a build your own sundae ice cream dish or ice cream in a cone. We look forward to a cool lunch, please come and share in the food, fun and fellowship.
- 5) **Second Collection** next weekend, July 14th, will be for the Missionary Co-Op.
- 6) **Known Birthdays:** 6th: Kerry Ladnier, 9th: Steve Cauley, Jonathan Oliver, 10th: Kassi Reynolds, **Known Anniversaries:** 12th: Glenda and Bobby Poiroux.

DO YOU NEED SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS?

Fr. Sherwin, the Pastor of this parish holds office from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Should you want Spiritual assistance call the parish office 865-6002



Known Birthdays for July

6 th : Kerry Ladnier	25 th : Neal Fisher
9 th : Steve Cauley	25 th : Harold Vaughn
9 th : Jonathan Oliver	25 th : Perry Lewis
10 th : Kassi Reynolds	25 th : Jennifer Schilling
16: Ann Jackson	26 th : Debra Johnson
17 th : Mary Kirchoff	27 th : Matthew Baker
17 th : John Ramsay	28 th : Hayden Teofilo
18 th : Adolph Payne	29 th : Ty Teofilo
19 th : Greg Taylor	31 st : Erica Murray
	31 st : Tony Cosentino

Known Anniversaries for July

2nd: Father Sherwin 14th Priestly Anniversary
12th: Glenda and Bobby Poiroux
25th: Shirley and Tommy Rasmussen
31st: Debbie and Perry Lewis

Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church, Anna Weber, Pat Borne



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Matt Johnson, Larry Robertson, Martha Davis, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Jay Graham, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Ida Clark, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechnener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Linda Graham, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubreigh Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.