

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2022

Taste and see that
the Lord is good!

Saturday, July 2	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 3	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY
	..... 8:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, July 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, July 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 9	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Dt:30:10-14: Moses encouraged the people to follow the law of the Lord their God with all their hearts and all their souls.

Col:1:15-20: Christ Jesus is the new image of God; Before anything came to be, he was.

Luke:10:25-37: A lawyer asked Jesus what a person must do to gain eternal life. Reminded of the command to love God and neighbor;

(Masks are optional but encouraged)

We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

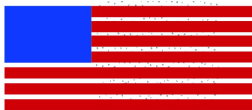
Robert Fulghum tells the story of a troubled man who paid a visit to his rabbi. He had experienced a great deal of failure in his life and didn't feel that he had what it takes to accomplish his dreams. After listening to the man's tale of woe, the rabbi instructed him to seek out page thirty of the New York Times Almanac. That would be of help.

Following that instruction, he found that the almanac entry was a list of the top hitters in the annals of baseball, with Ty Cobb leading the pack with a .376 batting average. Puzzled as to how that applied to his problem, he returned to the rabbi for an explanation. The rabbi explained that that page of Hall of Fame hitters represented people who in essence failed about seven out of every ten times at bat.

So if he thought his track record of failure was a problem, he needed to think again. The many failures put him in league with some of the greatest hitters baseball had ever known.

—Rev. Richard Zajac

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: We would like to resume taking Holy Communion to any parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion during the week (Mon. or Tue). Please contact Sebastian Lopez @ 808-224-6691 by leaving a message on his cell phone

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visist www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

WORD OF LIFE: "O God our Creator. . . through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society." *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Prayer for Religious Liberty"*

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 3 Sun: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:66:10-14; Ps:66; Gal:6:14-18; Lk:10:1-12, 17-20

Jul 4 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Hos:2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps:145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt:9:18-26

Jul 5 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Hos:8:4-7, 113-13; Ps:115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8 9-10; Mt:9:32-38

Jul 6 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Hos:10:1-3, 7-8, 15; Ps:105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt:10:1-7

Jul 7 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Hos:11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps:80:2ac, & 3b, 15-16; Mt:10:7-15

Jul 8 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Hos:14:2-10; Ps:51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt:10:16-23

Jul 9 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Isa:6:1-8; Ps:93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt:10:24-33

THE CITY OF GLADNESS

There is little comfort in Jerusalem. Our generation has witnessed great tragedies in the Holy Land. Holy sites have been destroyed. Suicide bombers have killed innocents. People live in terror.

Efforts for peace rise and fall. Other nations seek a way for Jerusalem to find its peace. The city is important to many of the world's believers. It deserves to be a place of peace, an example of righteousness, a beacon of justice for anyone who longs for these virtues.

When Isaiah first spoke his prophecy about Jerusalem, the city lay in ruins, ravaged by invaders, its citizens carried off into exile. He heard the voice of God promise a better future for the city. "I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river. . . . In Jerusalem you shall find your comfort."

Those words still resonate deep within the hearts of all who hear them. We yearn to believe that God will bless Jerusalem with the peace and security promised so long ago.

When the day finally arrives, when all the world finds its comfort in Jerusalem, there will be great rejoicing. Until that day, we join in the mission of Christ by bringing comfort wherever we can to the nervous, the suffering, the lonely, the poor, and the sorrowing — all those who need what the Body of Christ was designed to offer: love.

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting his disciples to be evangelizers. "The harvest is abundant," Jesus says. But those who are willing to invite others to a deeper relationship with the Lord are few. Good stewards who are willing to witness their Catholic faith to others know they are "like lambs among wolves." They are encouraged to be gentle, patient and loving, knowing they may face rejection and even fierce opposition. Jesus invites us to be better stewards of our faith, to give positive, courageous, joyful witness to others who have turned away from their relationship with him. Is there someone we should be reaching out to this week?

(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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SCAR TISSUE

Would you like to see my scar?" We hear this question from some people who have had surgery, scraped the road from their motorcycle, or suffered a wound in war. Sometimes they are more anxious to show it than we are to see it.

The reverse happens too. We would like to see a scar, but the person — for private reasons — chooses not to show it.

We all carry scars. Some are physical and quite visible.

Others are well concealed. Some scars are emotional. They make themselves known even when we wish they did not. And some of our scars make us who we are. They are signs of our resilience, of the ill-intent of enemies, of moments of foolishness, or of times of unimaginable bravery. For some of us, our biography is the story of our scars.

St. Paul tells the Galatians, "I bear the marks of Jesus on my body." Paul had his share of physical and emotional pain, and he carried scars. They were not signs of hurt and pain, not signs of foolishness or bravery, not signs of illness or treachery. They were signs of Jesus. Because of Jesus, Paul endured all things. His scars told less about the tenacity of Paul and more about the faithfulness of Christ.

Where are your scars? What do they represent? Whom do they represent? Do you conceal them? Or do you ask, "Would you like to see my scar?"

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Lord, accept our offerings

