## PARISH CALENDAR

| Saturday, July 8   | 5:00 p.m.       | Mass                |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Sunday, July 9     | 7:00 a.m.       | Mass                |
|                    | 9:00 a. m.      | Mass (Live Stream)  |
|                    | 5:00 p.m.       | Mass                |
| Monday, July 10    | 8:00 a.m.       | Mass                |
|                    | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open    |
| Tuesday, July 11   | 8:00 a.m.       | Mass                |
| Wednesday, July 12 | 8:00 a.m.       | Mass                |
|                    | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open    |
| Thursday, July 13  | 8:00 a.m.       | Mass                |
| Friday, July 14    | 8:00 a.m.       | Mass                |
| Saturday, July 15  | 4:00-4:45 p.m.  | Confession - Church |
| -                  | 5:00 n m        | Mass                |

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!



### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:55:10-11: Just as rain and snow come down form heaven and do not return until the whole earth is watered and fruitful, so shall the word of the Lord go out to do God's will.

Rom:8:18-23: Paul told the Romans that the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God's children.

Mt:13:1-23: Jesus told the parable of the sower. When disciples questioned him about it, he explained how those who hear the word and understand it will bear fruit.

We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a.m. @ Https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream

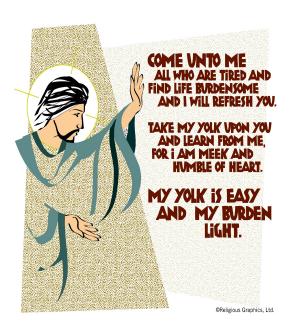
## TRUSTING IN HUMILITY

The dream for world peace ever stirs the heart of humanity. Imagine a world where nations stopped their aggression, where terrorists laid down their weapons of mass destruction, and where nations respected one another's territories and customs. Closer to home, imagine a neighborhood where people got along, where diversity was treasured, and where violence was no more. We all long for the security that comes from peace.

Many nations, however, still hold that peace comes from a well-built arsenal. Leaders believe that a strong defense inhibits aggression and causes the desired peace.

But the prophet Zechariah envisions another kind of leader. He sees one who is just, who rescues people from their oppression. Meek, he rides a simple beast of burden, and yet his dominion extends all across the world. This leader accomplishes the desired gift of peace not from weapons, not from intimidation, but from the example of humility.

Our leaders will continue to put their trust in weapons as long as we do too. If we live in trust, we can build a place where peace will reign from sea to sea. Imagine the world at peace. Imagine it starting with you. Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year A © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD.





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## **WEEKLY READINGS**

Jul 9 Sun: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec: 9:9-10; Ps:145; Rom: 8:9, 11-13; Mt:11:25-30

Jul 10 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:28:10-22a; Ps:91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt:9:18-26

Jul 11 Tue: Saint Benedict, Abbot

Gen:32:23-33; Ps:17:1b, 2-3, 6-17ab, 8b & 15; Mt:9:32-38

Jul 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:41:55, 57;42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps:33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19;Mt:10:1-7

Jul 13 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

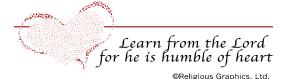
Gen:44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps:1015:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt:10:7-15

Jul 14 Fri: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Gen:46: 1-7, 28-30; Ps:37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt:10:16-23

Jul 15 Sat: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gen:49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps:105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt:10:24-33



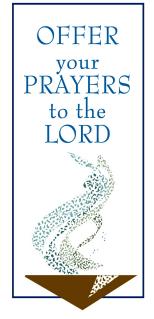


## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's gospel reading: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest," When we need physical rest, we take a break, go for a walk, or when the opportunity presents itself, take a few days off. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with this time of uncertainty and its complex issues deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

#### **FOLLOWING THE RULES**

What rules do you live by? You observe the laws of church and state. You fulfill the expectations of your family. You follow procedures at the workplace. If you strive to live faithful to God, society, and yourself, you follow some good interior rules. But sometimes we live by rules of habit. We do things because we have always done them. In itself, that is not bad. But sometimes circumstances change. The rules you apply to the oldest child might bend when the youngest comes of age. Procedures you follow at work might be put aside to help someone in need. Rules are good. They help society live in peace. But if the rules become tyrants, they thwart the very order they aim to preserve. St. Paul cautions the Romans, "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." In the past, the Romans had lived according to the law of the flesh. They did what they could get away with. They observed rules for the sake of survival. But now they are Christians. The Spirit of God dwells within them. They live now by the law of love. They make decisions differently, thinking of others, not just of themselves. The rules we live by deserve to be followed especially as they express the desires of God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit of love presents the supreme law. As Christians, we please God when we obey the Spirit of Christ. Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year A © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul



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