

# PARISH CALENDAR

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Saturday, June 29	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, June 30	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Mass
Friday, July 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, July 6	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY - HOLIDAY**  
**Prayer Meeting - Church**

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Is:66:10-14c: God is like a comforting mother to those returning from exile**  
**Gal:6:14-18: The heart of the Gospel is not circumcision but Christ's crucifixion**  
**Luke:10 :1-2, 17-20: The disciples are sent to spread the Gospel to the world.**



We welcome **Brian and Jasmine Rodrigues** into our parish family.  
**Brian and Jasmine** was baptized into the Christian faith at the 7 am Sunday Mass!

Take, for example, the call of Elisha. He understood the meaning of the cloak that was so unexpectedly laid upon his shoulders right there in the open field. He felt its weight, and more. The mantle and burden of office were on his shoulders. Elisha knew that his life was going to take an abrupt turn. One can understand his plea for time to go home to tell his parents good-bye. This passing from farmer to future prophet was a surprise. It must have been breathtaking. Having received the abrupt permission of Elijah, Elisha went off to tie up the loose ends. His response to his call is never in doubt, for Elisha returns and dramatically disposes of all traces of his former life. Having done so, he begins his apprenticeship.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus begin his journey to Jerusalem, where "the days for [his] being taken up were fulfilled." This journey of his life is complicated by barriers of age-old enmity. Jesus has to seek permission from the Samaritans to pass through their land. This onerous business was the result of a long-simmering resentment between the Samaritans and the Jews. The Samaritans first moved into Israel after the Jews were forcibly exiled to Babylon in 721 B.C. These interlopers intermarried and had for themselves a home and a mixed kind of Jewish religion. After the people returned from Babylon, they found these Samaritans on their land, and great resentments simmered and smoldered. Not surprisingly, permission was not given, so Jesus and his apostles had to take the longer route to get to Jerusalem, where he was determined to go. Nothing would stand in the way of his mission.

As we read on in this Gospel, the connection with the first reading comes clear. The disciples are to follow Jesus unequivocally. He makes this clear to those who asked, lest they be dreamy about his mission. Jesus' response sounds unduly harsh to our ears. What are we to make of this? Not even Elijah was this harsh, when Elisha asked permission to see his parents one last time. But the two inquiring men were not Elisha, that's for sure. Jesus must have detected in these two wannabe disciples a lack of enthusiasm or any sense of the cost of discipleship. His blunt response reinforces the sense of determination we see in the opening words of this Scripture passage. We see Jesus begin his journey to Jerusalem by the long route. Samaritan intransigence was no obstacle to Jesus' work. Wishy-washy discipleship was an obstacle. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Food Pantry needs you help! Our supplies are low, we are in need of the following non-perishable canned goods items, **Corn Beef, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Pork & Beans, any type of canned vegetables, soups, rice or pasta.** If you are able to assist with any of the above items, please bring it to Mass with you and place in our basket! Mahalo, for helping us feed the needy in our community!

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT:** Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion... women and men of all faiths are invited to begin the healing process. Contact Lisa at (808) 349-5071 or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com. More info at: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Suggested donation: **\$150/person** (covers room/meals/materials). Confidential/safe place to connect with others and process your experience. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hawaii. Next scheduled retreat is **October 18-20, 2019.**

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**WORD OF LIFE:** "The purpose of freedom is that we might be servants of one another. Life in the Spirit is always oriented toward love and service for others." "United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Bulletin Insert: Religious Freedom Week 2019"



## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jun 30 Sun: 13<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs:19:16b, 19-21; Ps:16; Gal:5:1, 13-18; Lk:9:51-62

**Jul 1 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**  
Gen:18:16-33 Ps:103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt:8:18-22

**Jul 2 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**  
Gen:19:15-29; Ps:26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt:8:23-27

**Jul 3 Wed: Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Eph:2:19-22; Ps:117: 1bc, 2; Jn:20:24-29

**Jul 4 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**  
Gen:22:1b-19; Ps:115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 8-9; Mt:9:1-8

**Jul 5 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**  
Gen:23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps:106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt:9:9-13

**Jul 7 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**  
Gen:28:10-22a; Ps:91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt:9:18-26

## On the Cheap

*If never works. If we do something on the cheap, we end up cheating someone, usually ourselves. Wallpaper won't mask the deep crack in the plaster. Cramming might get us past the test, but we won't remember much the day after. A long report won't make up for a bad one. Today a real, true, genuine call awaits a response in kind. No cheating.*

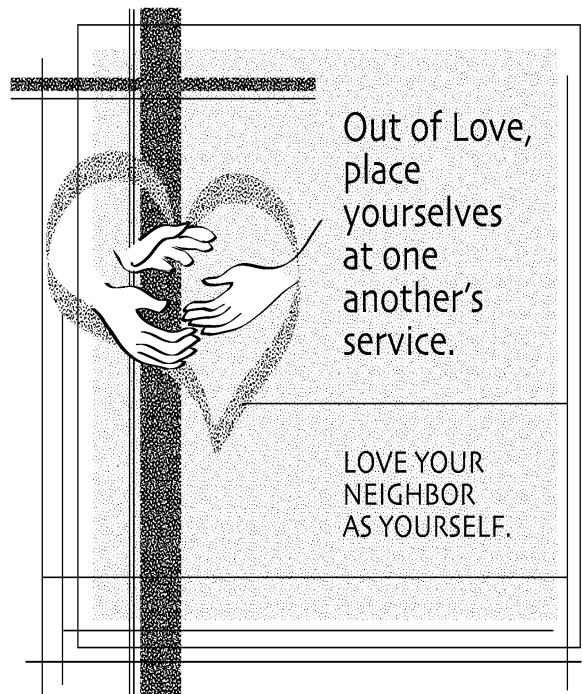
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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reveals to us the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. We will journey with Jesus for many Sundays to come, and along the way he will teach us about the demands of discipleship. His instructions may seem harsh and unreasonable to our ears. His response to legitimate requests to postpone the journey reminds us that there are always justifiable excuses to defer the journey or put off the responsibilities of discipleship. Other important matters compete for our attention. Some of us must make heart-wrenching choices, but there is urgency about Jesus' mission to bring forth God's kingdom. His demand is that we proclaim the Kingdom of God now. Is this our first priority, or do we have other priorities? **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

## Reflection

So was misleading discipleship. In the second reading, unsettling ideas about discipleship upset the fragile apple cart at Galatia. Paul had every reason to assume this community was well on its way. When trouble arose, he must have thought, "If it isn't one thing, it's another." The thing today is that the people of Galatia were being taught by misguided "Judaizers," a name given to those who taught that Christians had to abide by Jewish custom and law. This kind of "piling on" of old laws threw the Galatians into some confusion. Paul urges them to resist these free-floating ideas that serve only to fragment and wear down the community and return it to the endless round of debates about law-keeping. He makes it clear that their baptism not only freed them from the law, it freed them for something. They were called and committed to love freely, serve freely, put the needs of the human spirit first. They were urged to love first and then do what love demands. At a later time, Saint Augustine would put it simply: "Love, and do what you will." Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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