



MANY WHO HEARD
HIM WERE
ASTONISHED.
- MK 6:2

14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

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If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

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| Sunday | Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a |
| Monday | Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26 |
| Tuesday | Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38 |
| Wednesday | Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7 |
| Thursday | Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15 |
| Friday | Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23 |
| Saturday | Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33 |
| Next Sunday | Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13 |

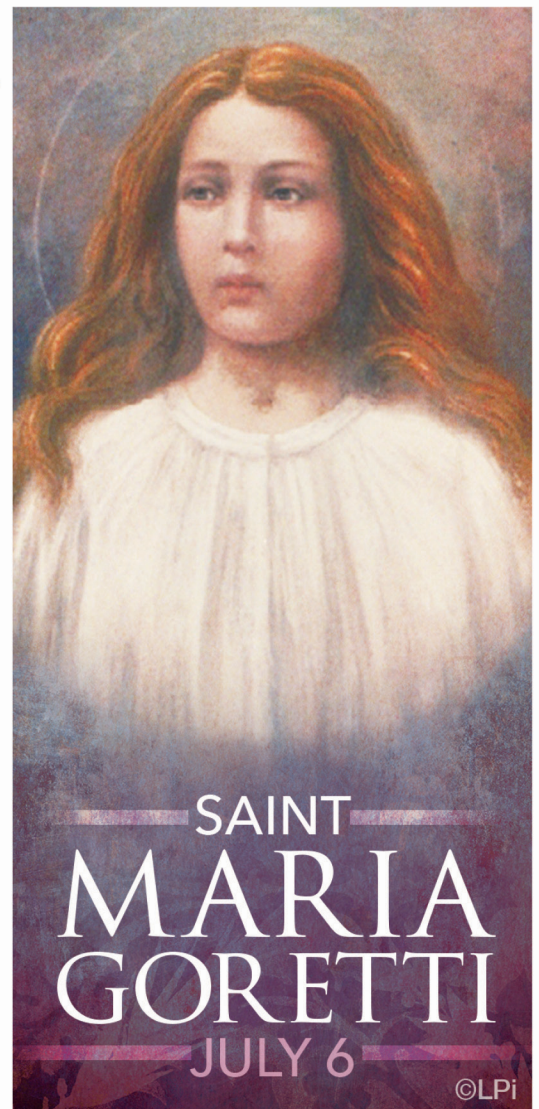
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

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| Sunday: | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day |
| Monday: | St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal |
| Tuesday: | St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr |
| Friday: | St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs |
| Saturday: | BVM |
| Next Sunday: | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.



*As for me and
my household,
we serve the
Lord*

— JOSHUA 24:14 —

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.
Livestreaming available on our website,
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior
to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."

Saturday, July 3, 2021

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and Bruce Gabriel

Sunday, July 4, 2021

In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

For All First Responders

In Memory of: Earl M. Daniels, Sr., Joyce Anthony and Harlean Banks



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Keith Newton, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How is Christ made manifest in me
through my own weaknesses?

Prayer Line

508.924.5792

Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.

Parish News!

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- **GRADUATES:** Graduation Mass to honor and recognize 2021 Graduates will be held Sunday, July 11, 2021 at the 10 a.m. Mass.
- **CITYWIDE ASSEMBLY OF CONGREGATIONS AND CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS** will meet on Tuesday, July 13th from 6:30 pm - 8 pm at Dillard University Chapel. Please contact Mary Green or Shanna Lucien for details.
- **MINISTRIES:** Our Parish is seeking parishioners to serve in various parish ministries. If you are interested in serving, our Parish Ministry Roundup will be held July 24-25. Please consider serving, parish life depends on you!
- **TAKE A SHOT AT A MILLION:** Starting June 21, 2021 at noon all Louisiana residents that have received at least one COVID vaccine are eligible to register to win a million dollars. Be in that number by registering at shotatamillion.com. You may just win!

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