

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't. People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave. This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters. What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

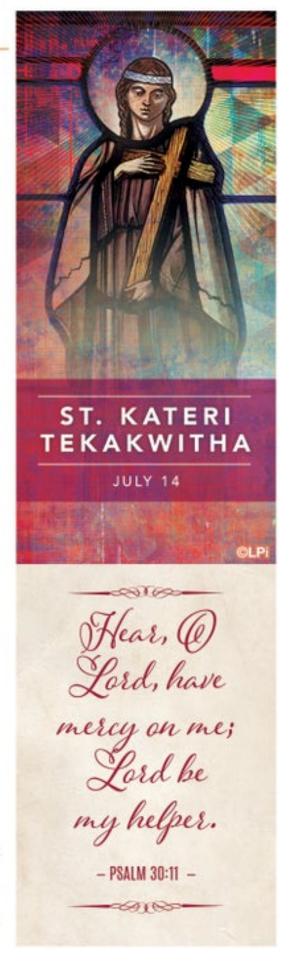
Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.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 10, 2021

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and Bruce

Gabriel

Sunday, July 11, 2021

For the People of the Parish In Memory of: Joyce Anthony and Harlean Banks

> Pray For

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, Bonnie Easton, 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

Can I recall a time when I was provided what I needed to bring God's blessings to others? Can I trust in God whenever I feel inadequate to the task?

Prayer Line
508.924.5792
Noon Prayer
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

- 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!
- ROSARY: The Recitation of the Rosary as scheduled during the quarantine has been discontinued. Thanks to the Holy Name Society for leading us in prayer during this time. Please join the Holy Name Society as they continue to pray the Rosary during the scheduled Radio Rosary. The next scheduled Radio Rosary is August 5th.

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