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July 2, 2023 ▪ The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Bible verse contains a perfect reflection for July 4th

By Philip Kosloski



It reminds us that we are called to use our freedom for good, and not for evil.

Independence Day in the United States is a time of thanksgiving for the gift of freedom, honoring the democratic ideals that are at the foundation of this country.

However, with great freedom comes great responsibility.

The Bible reminds us that freedom is given to us not for evil, but for good.

Here is a simple but powerful Bible verse that we should meditate on during the festivities of July 4th, remembering how our freedom should be used properly.

**Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil;
but live as servants of God.**

~ 1 PETER 2:16

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation
and all the elements of nature obey your command.
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers
and calm the storm that threatens us.
May we be secure in your loving protection
and serve you always with grateful hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Hurricane Season Safety Tips



Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property.

Take Shelter

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

Use Good Judgment

Use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

Stay Informed

If a storm threatens our area, please check local news stations for weather updates. Also, check with your parish and school about about closures and cancellations. Also, check the diocesan website, www.dosp.org.

Local Resources

Florida Department of Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County Emergency Management:
www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php

Hernando County Emergency Management:
www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County Emergency Management:
www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management

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www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/



Prophet Elisha and the Shunammite woman and child. Painted by Carl Gustav von Bock, 18th century. CC0

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a | Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 | Mt 10:37-42

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's first reading, the Shunammite woman recognized that Elisha was "a holy man of God." She and her husband then went on to provide Elisha with hospitality and lodging, and she was rewarded with a son. But how did she recognize Elisha as the holy prophet that he was? Recognition, or lack of it, is a recurrent theme in Scripture – from Mary Magdalene not recognizing the risen Lord at the tomb to the disciples not recognizing Jesus on the road to Emmaus. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus himself encouraged his listeners to learn to recognize "false prophets" because they bear bad fruit. What do we need to open our eyes to and recognize today? Perhaps the realization that Jesus' life and teachings always point us to life – life with him and in him, on earth and for eternity. As members of the body of Christ, let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with his love so that we may bear good fruit and always choose the road that leads to that life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Perhaps we should consider these words from Jesus in today's Gospel a challenge. Yes, we know that faithful discipleship comes with demands. But "losing our life"? I like to think of it as going "all in" in our response to Jesus. Investing the most we can in our relationship with Jesus means recognizing that he is the way and the truth and the life. And then we must act upon that. How? Put God first in your life. Serve him before all else. Let our relationship with Christ be like the frame that holds a building up – let it define us, strengthen us, and shape us. And may it allow us to recognize his loving presence in each moment of our lives.

ACTION The summer months are hot in the northern hemisphere, and traveling, running errands, and doing things for oneself can be difficult for those who are adversely affected by the heat. Take a look around you – at your neighbors or even those who are part of your daily circle of encounters – and be intentional at recognizing who they are (a child of God) and what their needs might be. Offer specific assistance to them related to that need, as the Shunammite woman and her husband did for Elisha.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm
in Courtyard Hall.

All are welcome!

For more information please call
727-867-3663.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 1, Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 a.m. Nadia Sing (Liv)

Saturday, July 1, Vigil for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Sunday, July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Aivars Jerumanis (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Mary Dziondziak (Dec)

Monday, July 3, Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Kayla & Nathan Roberts (Liv)

Tuesday, July 4, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dolores & Bob Weber (Liv)

70th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, July 5, Memorial of Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Pope, and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 6, Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Ray Kolman (Dec)

Friday, July 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Nadia Sing (Liv)

Saturday, July 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Aivars Jerumanis (Dec)

Saturday, July 8, Vigil for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. James Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Phil Roach (Dec)

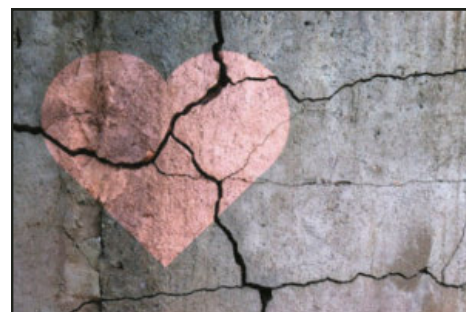
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. John Gaffney (Dec)

Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

07/02 • Msgr. Michael Carruthers
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07/04 • Rev. Jose Glenn Diaz
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These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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Stewardship Prayer

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.

Amen

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

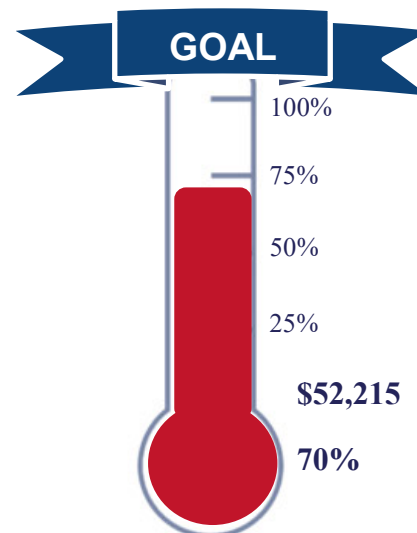
In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.

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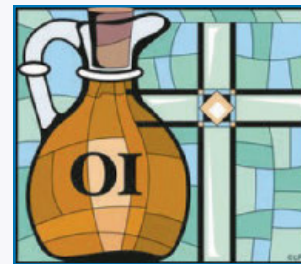
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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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