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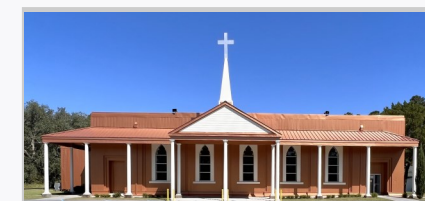
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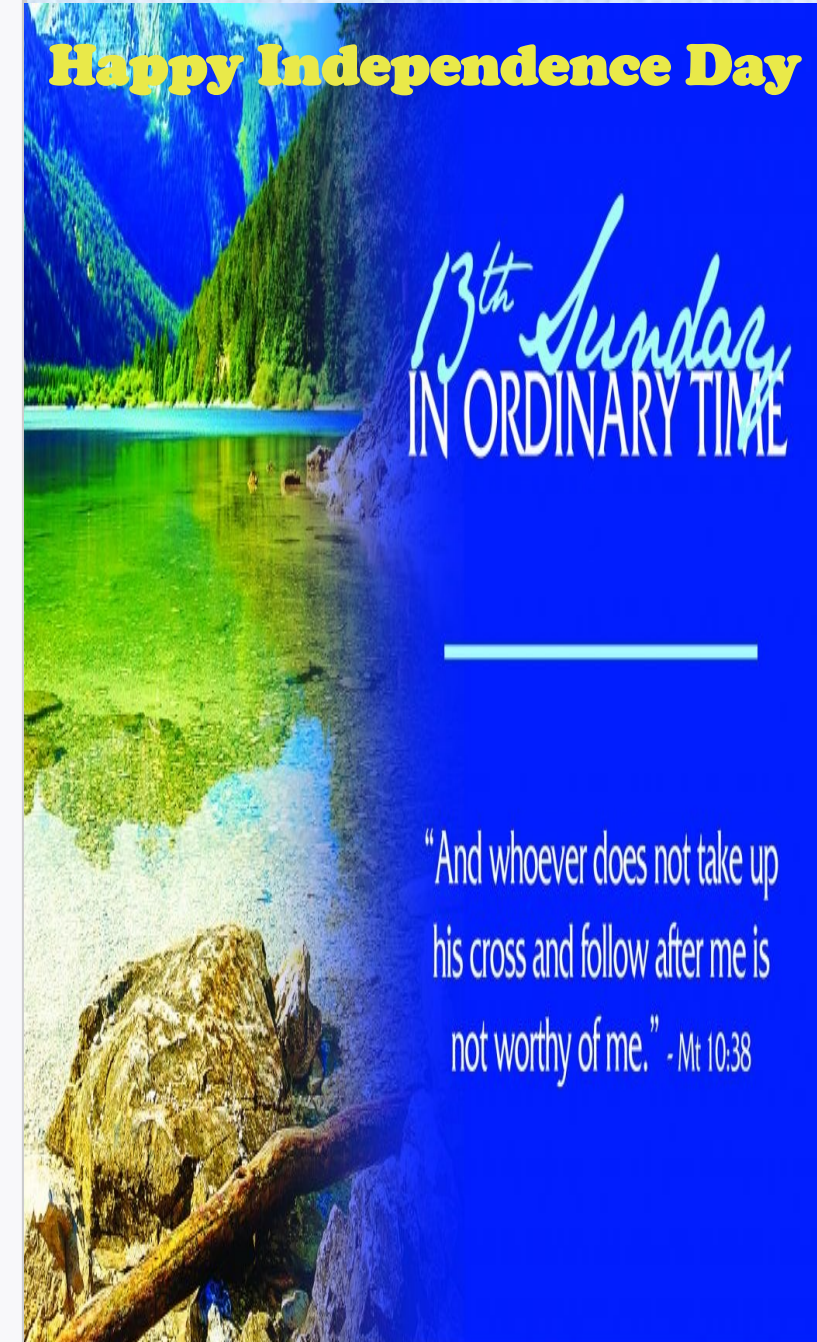


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July 2, 2023

Masses



Happy Independence Day

13th Sunday
 IN ORDINARY TIME

"And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:38

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel) (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (after 8am Mass)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (8:00am)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)
- Adoration
- Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm
- Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am
- Office Hours
- Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a)

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

Psalm (89:2-3,26-17,18-19)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading (Romans 6:3-4,8-11)

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42)

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel passage (Matthew 10:37-42) is the concluding part of Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs his apostles on the cost and the reward of his disciples.



The first part describes the behavior expected from his disciples in all their harshness. It demands Radical and unprecedented renouncements. To make matters worse, each of them is accompanied by a severe and drastic statement, marked with a refrain, "is not worthy of me!" Above all, he demands from his disciple the radical departure even from the more intimate and natural affections, such as love for parents and for the children.

Here Jesus is not rejecting the Law of Moses, which commands to honor father and mother. In fact, he has repeatedly stressed the commandment. "For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'Whoever curses father or mother shall die'" (Mt 15:4). However, he is aware that he came "for the falling and rising of many in Israel, a sign of contradiction; and a sword will pierce your own soul, so that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed" (Lk 2:34-35). He knows that his word will cause misunderstandings, disagreements, and tensions within the same families. Those who were faithful to Jesus were expelled from the synagogues and disowned by the families. Then, he continues their willingness not only to lose everything but to give up their lives as well.

Continued

The second half of today's Gospel speaks about the behavior expected from others towards the disciples and a promise to those who welcome the preachers of the Gospel. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes him who sent me". This is not just material hospitality, like the one that offered by the woman to Elisha of the Old Testament (2 Kings 4:8-37), but the reception of the message. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones"; believers and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be adequately rewarded.

It is at this point that the theme introduced in the First Reading, is resumed. "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward". Even a simple gesture of love like offering a cup of cold water to a disciple, even though small, with no significance or prestige, will not go unrewarded. Not everyone has received from God the same qualities and the same gifts. However, in different ways, but with the same generosity, every true believer is called to make their contribution and support those who dedicate themselves directly to the proclamation of the Word.

<p>Special Collection This Weekend Peter's Pence</p>	<p>Special Collection Next Weekend Tornado Victims of Moss Point</p>	<p>Office Will be Closed Tuesday, July 4th in Observance of Independence Day. Mass will be as usual.</p>										
<p><i><u>Anointing of the Sick &</u></i> <i><u>Novena of Our</u></i> <i><u>Lady of</u></i> <i><u>Perpetual Help</u></i> First Tuesday: July 4 2023 After 8am Mass - Chapel <i><u>Mass & Devotion to</u></i> <i><u>Sacred Heart</u></i> First Friday: July 7, 2023 8:00am - Chapel</p>	<p>WISHING WELL Have extra change? The wishing well in the Vestibule is for all to make a Wish, and drop your loose change.</p>	<p>Fundraiser Pastalaya Dinner July 9th Parish Hall After 10:30 Mass  Dinner includes Pastalaya, green beans, roll, dessert and a drink. Plates are \$10.00</p>										
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