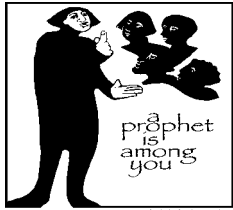


14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2006

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9



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Upcoming Parish Events

**Mon. July 10—
Bible Study &
Prayer Group,**
7:30 pm, Chapel

**Wed. July 12—
Boy Scouts,** 7:30
pm. Carroll Hall

**Fri. July 14—
AACC Youth Group,**
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Comment

In the first reading, God's command to the prophet is clear and tough. However, Ezekiel receives his mission gladly, even though he has to deliver it to a close-minded and obdurate people, who preferred God's message to be so veiled as to be impenetrable. Nevertheless, God insists that whether they like it or not, these people will know they have been addressed in no uncertain terms.

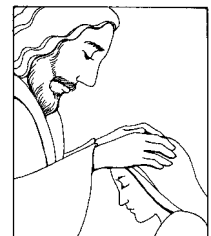
Jesus also faces a people who would just as soon the truth be veiled and nothing be asked of them. When Jesus returns to his hometown, the crowds turn out. The listeners seem riveted to their very spots in amazement. But then the atmosphere clouds over. As Jesus' mission is disclosed, skepticism, jealousy, and hostility rise up. The townspeople think they know all that need be known about Jesus. He is too plain, too simple, too ordinary to disclose anything of God, anything of salvation. Jesus leaves them in their hardness of heart and blindness and turns to other mission fields—a little wistfully, we might imagine.

In the second reading, Paul welcomes us into his inner life with a surprising confession of an unnamed (and undiscoverable) affliction, which clearly burdens him. He brings up this burden not to gain our sympathy, but to help us understand that no affliction or burden need stand as a barrier to our vocation as Christians. These very flaws, says Paul, can be the means to the fulfillment of our calling. He has been accepted, flaws and all, to be an apostle. And so are we called, flaws and all.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, July 9: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6
Monday: **St. Benedict;** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: **St. Henry;** Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha;** Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: **St. Bonaventure;** Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday, July 16: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



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Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. July menu items: 1 box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Electronic Fund Transfers** will be available in our church starting in August. Pls. call the office for details and to sign up. Thanks.

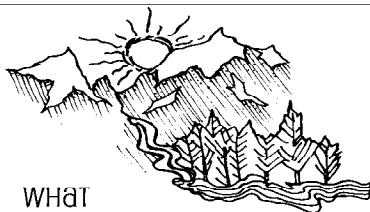
***"Name A Way"!** Some areas in our premises (the walkway between the church and the rectory, by the fountain, by the benches on the left and right sides at the front of the church) are up for bids. Winning bids will have **nam-ing rights** for an area for a month, names will be changed on the first of each month. Everyone is invited to make a bid. Bidding starts at \$200. Choose your month, choose your area!

***27 Archbishops** from all over the world received their Palium (a garment put around the neck of the Archbishops) that represent the authority to serve the Archdiocese in the name of the Holy Father in Rome on June 29th. Of the 27, three were from the USA: San Francisco, Washington and Houston.

RAFFLES

***A week to drawing! Check out the TV** at the vestibule of our church! You could win that (or convert it to cash!) from our raffles to cover our parish's assessment of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Tickets are \$50 each. Odds are 1:150!

***Please return unsold tickets back to the office (asap!)** so we can redistribute them. Thanks..



WHAT MIGHTY DEEDS ARE WROUGHT BY HIS HANDS!

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Pilgrimage to Rome & Italy

*Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy** from **November 12-22**. The 11-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciano (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan runs to about \$2,680, including airfare. Pls register your names asap. Contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira, our Secretary, for further info & registration.

OTHERS

***U.S Catholic population up:** Washington (CNS) The Catholic population rose by more than a million last year, but the church registered declines in Catholic school and in sacramental practice, according to figures in the 2006 Official Catholic Directory. The Catholic Population rose about 1.3 million last year, to 69,135,254, the directory said.

***Gaza Tragedy:** Jerusalem (CNS) Fr. Manuel Musallam, Roman Catholic Priest of Gaza said that "The Israeli bombing of Gaza's only power plant has left people with only about four to six hours of electricity per day, and lack of electricity affects the water pumps. The parish and the school have been able to use a generator, but not everybody has one; neighbors around the school ask for one hour of electricity to pull the water up to the roof; if there is a sick person in need of electricity, we give it to them".

MASS INTENTIONS

July 02 — July 8 2006

- 07/09 Su 10:00 am People of STM
8:00 pm Tony Hall, (Sp. Int.)
- 07/10 Mo 8:30 am Joseph Medina (Sp. Int.)
- 07/11 Tu 5:30 pm John Brady†
- 07/12 We 8:30 am Theresia Pranoto (Sp. Int.)
- 07/13 Th 5:30 pm Sylvia Moreno†
- 07/14 Fri 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory
- 07/15 Sat 8:30 am Martin Bogdan†
5:00 pm Wayne Samiere & Family

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is preferred.

Pray for...

All the sick people in our parish especially Florentino Sotto, Jr., Orlando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members of our parish** especially Evelyn Ragaza Esmas, Ed Benedict and Letecia de Guzman.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be deleted and/or added as needed.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Weekly Collections

(Due to the holidays, these numbers are estimates, this bulletin is sent to print before official count is available.)

Your offerings for the weekend of **July 2nd:**
\$2,568

Maryknoll Missions: \$923
(Only from two Masses, total from all Masses will be posted as soon as available.)

(Thank you for your most generous response.)



Actual Construction and Repairs Money in Bank is \$109,372

*Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carrol Hall. **Thank you!***