Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Robert Fulghum tells the story of a troubled man who paid a visit to his rabbi. He had experienced a great deal of failure in his life and didn't feel that he had what it takes to accomplish his dreams. After listening to the man's tale of woe, the rabbi instructed him to seek out page thirty of the New York Times Almanac. That would be of help.

Following that instruction, he found that the almanac entry was a list of the top hitters in the annals of baseball, with Ty Cobb leading the pack with a .376 batting average. Puzzled as to how that applied to his problem, he returned to the rabbi for an explanation. The rabbi explained that that page of Hall of Fame hitters represented people who in essence failed about seven out of every ten times at bat.

So if he thought his track record of failure was a problem, he needed to think again. The many failures put him in league with some of the greatest hitters baseball had ever known.

—Rev. Richard Zajac

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

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Living God's Word - Jesus sends off seventy-two disciples in our Gospel today. He instructs them in advance not to expect success in all of their endeavors. So when they fail, they are to "shake the dust from their feet" and move on. It is an instruction to be heeded by any who fail.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

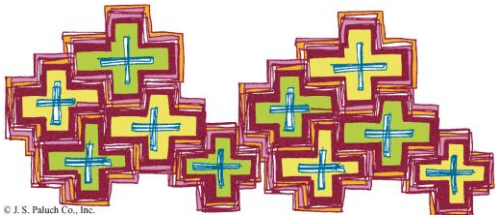
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP

will be taking school supply donations for the month of July for kids in our area in need. We need:

Pencils, Wide ruled paper, Pens, Bottled Glue, Glue sticks, Crayola 24, Map colors, Playdough, Backpacks, Kleenex, School box, and Wired Headphones.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you*



May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Galatians 6:14

Saturday, July 5th -
5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Manuel & Cuquita Heredia
7:00PM – St. Albert – Por la gente de Nolan County

Sunday, July 6th - IHM
8:00AM – +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Sara Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarette
11:00AM – +Martina Herrera; +Aurelia Garza; +Rufus Palacios, Jr.

Tuesday, July 8th 9:00AM - HF
+Marcelina Martinez

Wednesday, July 9th 6:00PM–IHM
+Jovita & Benjie Olguin, Jennifer & Roger Gomez

Thursday, July 10th 9:00AM - HF
+Patricia & Mira Tovar

Friday, July 11th 9:00AM - HF
Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

Saturday, July 12th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe Morales; +Pablo Villanueva, Sr., Lalo, Julio & Ted Perez

Sunday, July 13th - IHM
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero; en acción de gracias a Nuestro Señor por sus bendiciones
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

June 28/29, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3615.00
LOOSE PLATE……1283.00
PETER'S PENCE……..796.00
TOTALCOLLECTION……..$5694.00

Thank you for your generosity

THE VOICE OF THE LORD

What is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us? —St. Benedict

HOLY SPIRIT VBS 2025 July 14 – 18

Welcome back Pool Party Monday, July 14th, 6 - 9pm, Sweetwater City Pool. **NOTE** bulletin back page for registration & other info.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to all our July celebrants!

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC?-Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, July 7th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO – Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at IHM Hall.

¡ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzo en abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. Las clases son los miercoles, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista es Victor Rubio Jr. (Mas informacion, llame a la oficina.)

YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesday, July 9th, at Sterling Hills Nursing Home, 705 NE Georgia Ave., from 6:00pm-8:00pm for resident Bingo night!

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, July 6th at 4:00pm Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 12 – Parish Council July 19 – Cursillo

WORD OF LIFE July 6th 2025

"O God our Creator… through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Prayer for Religious Liberty"

"JAMAICA 2025" -- September 28th

Get your RAFFLE TICKETS after Mass

SELL 100 Tickets & get a PRIZE!

NINTENDO SWITCH 2

“VBS 2025”

Registration is open

Don’t Miss Out