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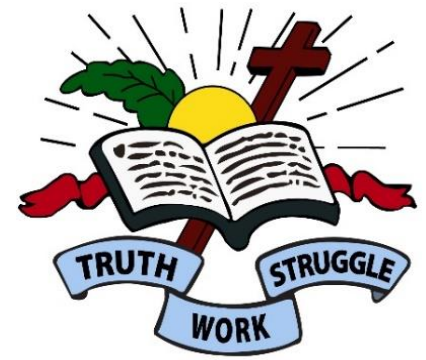
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July 5, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

A Sabbath Thought

Life has never seemed so complex as it does today. Tasks and schedules eat away at our time and our spirits. "'Tis a gift to be simple" - a gift that comes to us from the Father through Jesus.

About Today's Bible Readings

ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

What impresses us? Power often comes in trappings that proclaim its might. But the savior king has no need to dress up his authority. It is *simply* obvious.

**Responsorial Psalm:
145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14**

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

ROMANS 8:9, 11-13

There is new life stirring in us, thanks to God's Spirit. That Spirit should be manifest in all that we do.

MATTHEW 11:25-30

People pay good money today in order to learn the secret of life. Here in Matthew, Jesus reveals it for free. The Secret of life is this.....Jesus himself!

ENTRANCE RITE: Revelation 5:10; Matthew 6:10

V. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.

R. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

ALLELUIA: John 1:17

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:
"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – July 5th
14th Sunday - Ordinary Time
Celebration of the Fourth of July

8:00 AM – Low Mass
9:30 AM – High Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Walter Schilling.

First Sunday of the month, collection for the mission work of the Church.

SUNDAY – July 12th
15th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Low Mass
9:30 AM – High Mass

The Fourth of July

Yesterday was the Fourth of July or Independence Day. While many celebrated with fireworks and food, let us not forget just what this day is commemorating. We are celebrating the Declaration of Independence, separating the United States of America from England. Many brave men and women suffered and died to make this a reality and since then, many more have sacrificed to maintain that reality. Please remember them all, their courage, their bravery and their devotion to country as you enjoy what for many will be a long weekend off from work. If you encounter an active duty service person or a veteran, remember to say “Thank You for your service and may God Bless you and keep you safe.”



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Recited together in place of the reception of the Holy Eucharist)

Most loving Jesus,
I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially John Czechowski, John Aldershoff, Jane Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk and Stanley Sub. For the repose of the soul of Walter Schilling. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are subject to review and the appropriate health and safety restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Take care and stay well.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

Recessional Hymn

GOD BLESS AMERICA

*God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home*