



July 7, 2024

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## Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### Sabbath Thought

We who believe may think we know Jesus - after all, we are family. But we must take care that familiarity does not blunt the impact of his message or the effect of his grace.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### EZEKIEL 2:2-5

Even when the people rebel, God does not desert them. He sends them a prophet to preach repentance.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

**R: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

In his own person, Paul experiences the paradox of salvation: when he is weak, there is room for God's power to work at full force.

#### MARK 6:1-6

In his own hometown, Jesus discovers that his neighbors know him too well. Familiarity blinds them to his true identity.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Isaiah 1:4; 2 Chronicles 12:2b

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*V. Ah! sinful nation, people laden with wickedness, evil race, corrupt children! They have forsaken the Lord, spurned the Holy One of Israel, apostatized.*

**R. The Lord is with you when you are with Him, and if you seek Him, He will be present to you; but if you abandon Him, He will abandon you.**

*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: 1 Samuel 10:19a

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*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. But today you have rejected your God, Who delivers you from all your evils and calamities.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

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Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

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# Worship Services

Today – July 7<sup>th</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – July 14<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – July 21<sup>st</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – July 28<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – August 4<sup>th</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – August 11<sup>th</sup>

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

**PICNIC DAY!!**

**ONE MASS ONLY!**

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

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## 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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling and Natalie Frankfort. Our Father....

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, July 7<sup>th</sup>**; Deadline for donations to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for further details.

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**; The Picnic Committee will meet in the Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. The new book will be "Jesus Behaving Badly" by Mark L. Strauss.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

**Youth Convocation (CONVO)**, held at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA, July 22 -26, 2024. Open to youth and young adults 13 – 27 years of age.

Substantial subsidies are available to Central Diocese members for this event through the Enlivenment Program. Contact Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.

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## YMS of R GOLF TOURNAMENT

The YMS of R will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on August 24, 2024. Hosted by the Buffalo Branch of the MS of R. The location will be Kis n' Greens Golf Course, 13822 North Road, Alden, New York. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and contact Father Senior Donald for more information.

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## PICNIC MAILING

You should have received a mailing with raffle tickets for the Annual Picnic. Please return the sold or unsold tickets in the enclosed postage paid envelope as soon as possible. Also, please complete the questionnaire and return it as well, especially your T-shirt size if you are planning to help by working the day of the picnic as the shirts will be labeled "PICNIC STAFF" to let the attendees know who you are.

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## 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLISH-AMERICAN FAMILY FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Leave Reading at 10:30AM; return at 7:45 PM. Members: \$60. Non-Members: \$65. Price includes bus, admission & driver gratuity. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.