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July 2, 2023 / 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday-Friday:
8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: No Mass

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Baby 'Philip' Kuruvilla, pastor

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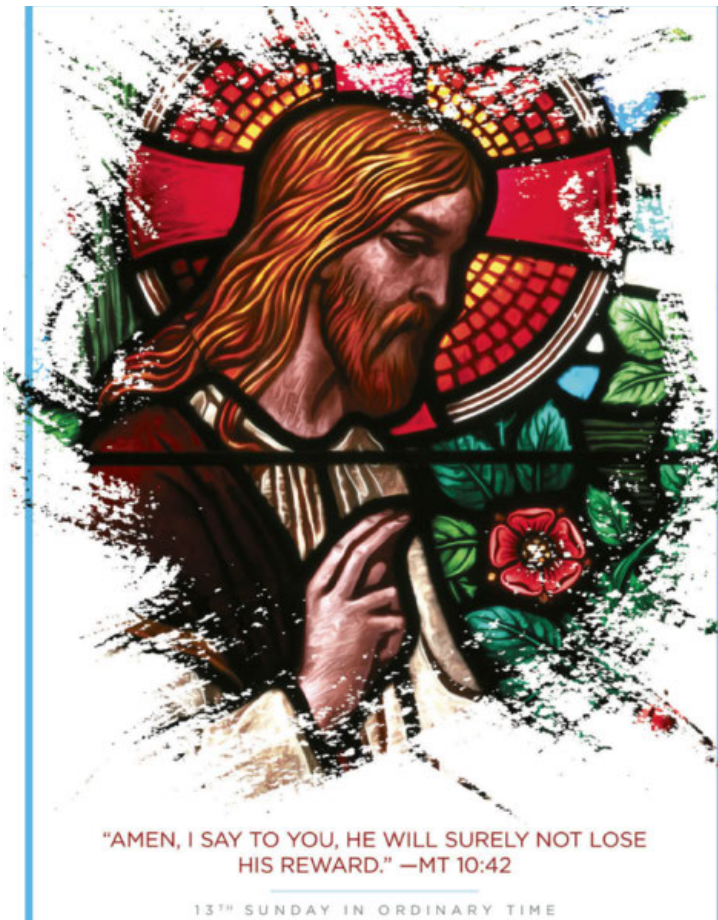
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A note from the Pastor:

I would like to thank you all again for your prayers and the concern you showed while I was away on my vacation. I did have a great trip and the Jubilee celebration of my sister went very well. We had a Thanksgiving Mass at my home parish and many relatives and friends had gathered to celebrate this great event. My sister personally thanks all of you for your prayers. I am happy to be back and I missed you all. It takes a few days to get through the jet lag. Thank you all again and God bless!

This week we celebrate July 4th and it is an occasion for us to thank God for our freedom and to pray for our country. The Bible speaks about freeing ourselves from the slavery of sin. The more we are carried away by our sinful habits, the less we feel the inner freedom to Love God and walk in his ways. This inner freedom only can bring us true peace and joy. July 4th also reminds us to respect each other and to help others to grow in their freedom.

I wish you all a happy Independence Day and may God bless us all and our nation!

Reflections on July 4th

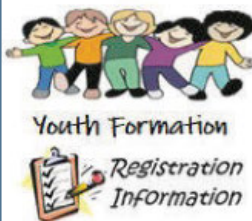
This week we celebrate the Independence Day of our nation. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration, thus affirming the independence of the United States from Great Britain. In our celebrations, we are reminded of the gift of our freedom as a nation. Indeed, we are blessed in the United States with exceptional liberty, for which we ought to thank the Lord. Let us take time today to thank God for the freedom we have in this country.

True freedom must be under the rule of law. Only when citizens act in accordance with proper moral character will democracy create a context of justice and peace. Democracy is based on right-heartedness and the sense of the common good. Underpinning the American concept of democracy stands the religious concept of the dignity and equality of human beings in the sight of God. All human beings have basic God-given rights, which demand fundamental responsibility for actions. Rights and respect for others must go hand in hand. True freedom demands integrity, responsibility, accountability and appropriate self-restraint. Any nation crippled by law-breaking, violence and uncivilized conduct is not a nation that is truly free.

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

YOUTH FORMATION

Youth Formation registrations are being accepted. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Registration forms are available in the back of the church, the church office, and on our website under the Youth Formation tab.



Fr. Philip and his four sisters



Sr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla, FMA, Fr. Philip's sister, celebrating her 50 year anniversary as a nun.

BIBLE CAMP MASS AND SPLASH DAY

A Bible Camp Mass will be held on Sunday, July 9th, at 10 a.m., followed by Splash Day after Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The Second Collection this weekend, July 1st & 2nd, is for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence). This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance for the neediest throughout the world including those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. These funds are viewed as a way for the faithful to provide an opportunity to empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, as well as sustain those who suffer.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

First Friday Devotion will be held on July 7th, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a devotional service and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

**ROSARY AND ADORATION**

The Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary will lead a Rosary and Adoration on Monday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m., at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel. John Voisin will lead the rosary. July is the month of the Precious Blood. Pray for faith, sacrifice, pure hearts, peace on earth & eternal life. Everyone is invited to attend.

In our Parish this week

Monday, July 3rd:

- * Mass- 8:30 a.m.
- * Rosary & Adoration - 3 p.m./OLOPS Chapel

Tuesday, July 4th:

- * No Mass
- * Church Office Closed
- * Cleaning Angels: Phyllis's Group @ 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 5th:

- * Mass - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 6th:

- * Mass - 8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 7th:

- * Mass - 8:30 a.m.
- * Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 8th:

- * Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 9th:

- * Mass - 8 & 10 a.m.
- * Bible Class Mass - 10 a.m.
- * Bible Class Splash Day after 10 a.m. Mass

Collection

June 24 & 25, 2023

1st Collection

Envelopes: \$4,780.50

Loose: 1,227.75

Total: **\$6,008.25**

Online: **\$120.00**

Mass Count

4 p.m. - 109

8 a.m. - 84

10 a.m. - 126

Collection Counters

July 3rd: Evelyn Pellegrin

July 10th: Sheila Pitre

July 17th: Mary Ann Griffin

July 24th: Paige McGehee

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- 1) A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.
- 2) A Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of July 15th & 16th, after all Masses.

Prayer for Our Nation, Written by George Washington, Our First President

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1st, Weekday, (St. Junipero Serra; BVM) (Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17); Sunday Vigil - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42) 4 p.m. Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Tod Thibodeaux; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene 'Skip' Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin (anniv.); Danny Lirette Jr; Earl Pellegrin Jr & Sr; Lawrence, Hilda & Lovelace Foret; Gurvis 'Go' Blanchard; Ruth, Wilbur & Kelly Lyons; Loran, Newell, Mildred, Tine & Darrell Dumond; Francis & Patricia Verret; Claude Lirette; Larry Babin; Edward & Edna Fanguy

Sunday, July 2nd, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42) 8a.m. Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston 'Sou' & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin 'Micky' Duplantis Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; Shirley & Ivy Hebert, Jr.; E.J. Doicy & Ed "Nootsie" Blanchard; Vernon & Therese Eschete; Jerry & Nancy Bergeron; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Duis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Jody Price; Sylvia Trahan's deceased family members; Robert Lirette

Monday, July 3rd, St. Thomas(Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29) 8:30 a.m. Judy Lirette

Tuesday, July 4th, Weekday, Independence Day, (Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27) No Mass

Wednesday, July 5th, Weekday, (St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal), (Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 6th, Weekday, (St. Maria Goretti), (Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8) 8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 7th, Weekday, (Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13) 8:30 a.m. Earl Pellegrin, Sr. & Jr.; Angelo Roberts, Jr.

Saturday, July 8th, Weekday, BVM (Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17); Sunday Vigil - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30) 4 p.m. Danny Lirette Jr; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Tod Thibodeaux;

Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene 'Skip' Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr.; Lawrence, Hilda & Lovelace Foret; Gurvis 'Go' Blanchard; Ora & Nolan Portier; Joyce Martinez; Ulysse Voisin; Alex & Lydia Punch; Courteaux family; Mr. & Mrs. Willard Fanguy; Frank Folse; Milton "Pete" Pitre; Francis & Patricia Verret; Raymond, Nora & Westley Domangue; Claude J. Lirette

Sunday, July 9th, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30) 8 a.m. Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston 'Sou' & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin 'Micky' Duplantis Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Duis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Andrew & Mildred Chauvin; Godfrey Plaisance; Philip Duplantis & family; Brent Sevin & Becky & family; Donald John Tivet, Jr.; Ruth C. Authement

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- 1) Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, July 1st, after the 4 p.m. Mass, in the church.
- 2) A KC Mass will be held on Saturday, July 8th, at 4 p.m.
- 3) A 4th Degree meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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