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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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Per the directives of Governor Edwards and Bishop Michael Duca, we ask that everyone wear face masks at all times.

The Sunday Mass obligation continues to be dispensed for all Catholics indefinitely.

Those who are ill or who are not feeling well in any way should not attend Mass until they are free of their illness and its symptoms for three days.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4 p.m.

Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m.

Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.

In Phase II, we are able to accommodate 50% capacity per Mass on a first come, first serve basis.

You are still required to bring & wear a face mask.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m./50% Capacity

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. • Thursday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Church is open for prayer Monday - Friday; 12 noon - 4 p.m. (Call Parish Office for More Information)

Please call or e-mail your prayer requests to Clare Coulon at 387-6671 or ccoulon@sacredheartbr.org

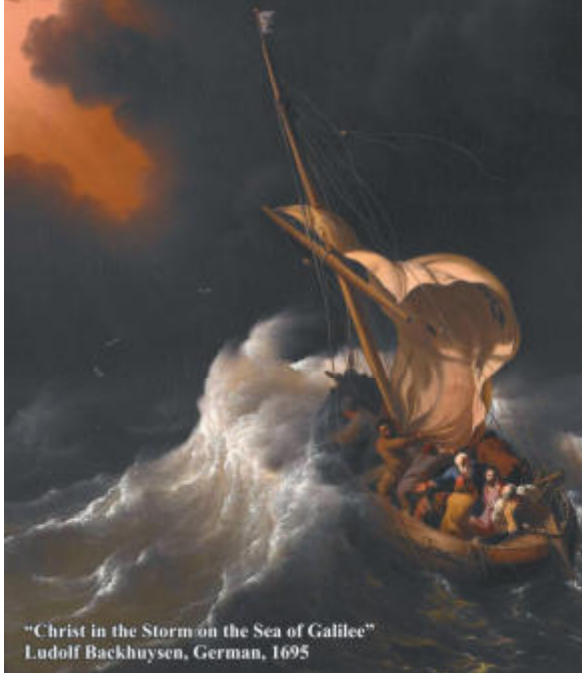
A Prayer for Protection in Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of Your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your Son's command when He calmed the stormy waters and delivered the disciples from fear and harm.

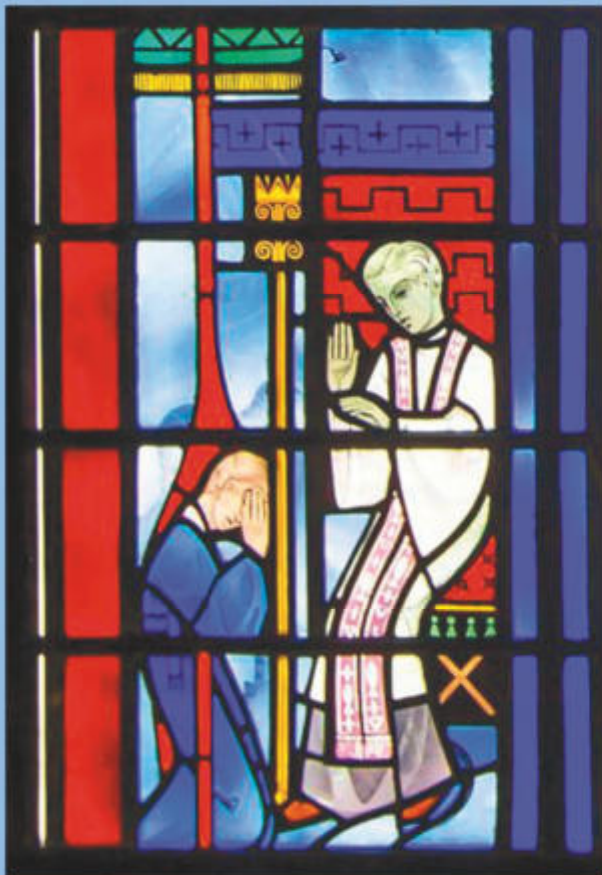
During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Lord, for Your mercy is without end. Spare us from tragedies like those of the past and keep us safe in Your loving care.

O Virgin Mother, Star of the Sea, we seek your powerful help. Plead for us with your Son that we might be spared all harm, whether natural or made by human hand, and walk safely in His footsteps until we reach our heavenly home.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!



"Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee"
Ludolf Backhuysen, German, 1695



Detail of Priesthood window, east transept, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
created by Robert Harmon, Emil Frei Stained Glass

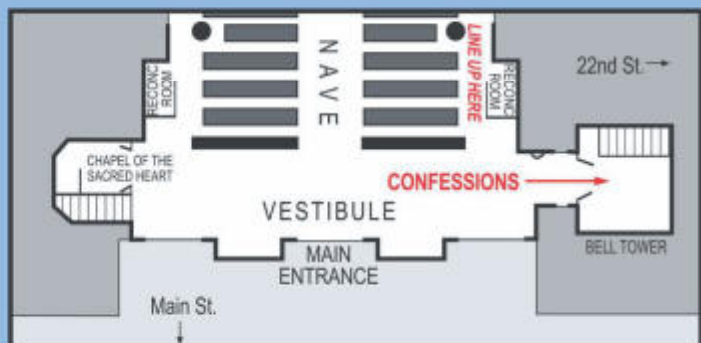
Sacred Heart of Jesus CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:30 a.m. to start of Mass

Thursday & Friday
8:30 a.m. to start of Mass

Saturday
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Confessions will be heard in the west end of the vestibule.
Please line up by the bookcase near the rear confessional
on the west side of the church (N. 22nd St. side).





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The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 for Independence Day. The office will reopen on Monday, July 5.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn:

Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our country, pray for us.



LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Calling Priests Father

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.



◆ ◆ Feast Days ◆ ◆

Sunday, June 28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 29: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles: Peter and Paul are often spoken of as the two men most responsible for spreading the Christian message in the days of the early church. Legend has it that they were executed on the same day under the command of Emperor Nero and buried in Rome. (Historical accounts dispute this). Since he was a Roman citizen, Paul was beheaded while Peter was crucified upside down because he said he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Christ. As early as 258 AD there is evidence of an already-lengthy tradition that the feast day of both saints were celebrated on the same day. In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Peter and Paul, *Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.*

Tuesday, June 30: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church: These “proto-martyrs” of Rome were the first Christians persecuted by the Emperor Nero in the year 64, before the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul. Nero was widely believed to have caused the fire that burned down much of Rome in the same year. He blamed the fire on the Christians and put them to death, many by crucifixion, some were fed to the wild animals, others were tied to posts and lit up as human torches. These martyrs were called the “Disciples of the Apostles” and their firmness in the face of death was a powerful testimony that led to many conversions in the early Roman Church.

Wednesday, July 1: St. Junípero Serra, Priest: Fr. Serra was born in Spain in 1713 and at 16 entered the Franciscan order. He was expected to spend his life in

Spain as a teacher of theology, but at the age of 37, and in spite of poor health, he volunteered to become a missionary in the New World. He worked first in Mexico and then in California where he founded nine of the area's 21 missions. For this he is known as the Father of California's Spanish Missions. While in California, Serra introduced agriculture and irrigation systems even as he converted the Indians to Christianity. He walked or rode for more than 24,000 miles in his missionary work in spite of a leg injury that bothered him constantly. Father Serra died in 1784 at the age of 70 at Mission San Carlos de Borromeo. He was buried under the sanctuary floor. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2015.

Thursday, July 2: Weekday

Friday, July 3: St. Thomas, Apostle: St. Thomas was called to be one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. His birth and death dates are unknown. Thomas was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. Though he appears several times by name in the Gospels, he is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of Jesus. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas," but upon seeing the resurrected Christ Thomas uttered one of the greatest professions of faith in the divinity of Jesus when he said, “My Lord and My God.” Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and ultimately reached India. Tradition also says that Thomas was the only witness to the Assumption of Mary into heaven.

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

Sunday, July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

◆ ◆ Sacraments ◆ ◆

SUNDAY NURSERY:
Closed until further notice.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Follows 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS**
EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OCTOBER - JUNE
CONFESSIONS: 11 a.m. MASS: 12 noon
NOVENA: 12:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.
Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 2:30—3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date and must complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM

Seminar required. Please visit the website or call the Parish Office for information.

CARE OF THE SICK

Visits made regularly to hospitalized and homebound. Contact the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Please call the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.



◆ ◆ Readings ◆ ◆

Sunday, June 28 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42	Tuesday, June 30 Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27	Thursday, July 2 Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8	Saturday, July 4 Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
Monday, June 29 Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19	Wednesday, July 1 Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34	Friday, July 3 Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34	Sunday, July 5 Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

◆ ◆ Calendar ◆ ◆

MON 29	No Daily Mass
TUE 30	Daily Mass/Novena, 8 a.m., Church Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m.
WED 1	Daily Mass, 8 a.m., Church Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m.
THU 2	Daily Mass, 9 a.m., Church Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m.
FRI 3	Parish & School Offices Closed/Independence Day Daily Mass, 9 a.m., Church Church Open For Prayer 12 noon - 4 p.m.
SAT 4	Confessions, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Vigil Mass/Maintenance 2nd Collection, 4 p.m., Church
SUN 5	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses/Maintenance 2nd Collection, 9 & 11 a.m.

◆ ◆ Mass Intentions ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 06-30-20	8 a.m.	Anthony Saia Martha B. Haase
07-01-20	8 a.m.	Christopher Hollins
Thursday 07-02-20	9 a.m.	John Bennett Luke, Sr. Martha Mahoney
Friday 07-03-20	9 a.m.	The Coleman & Jones Families & Ancestors
Saturday 07-04-20	4 p.m.	Frank Culotta; Helen Daviet; Myrtle Millet Weber; Martha B. Haase; Bradley Smith
Sunday 07-05-20	9 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 a.m.	Joan T. Akin; The Saia, Brian, Parrino & Fryou Families; Frank Culotta; Karen Kennedy Smith



**A VOCATION
VIEW**
*13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time,
June 28, 2020*

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey the commands I give you." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood or the religious life, give Fr. Andrew Merrick a call at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



*The Sanctuary Light
for the month of July is
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Other Donations	\$ 777.53
Church Renovation Fund	\$ 1,321.57
HVAC Funds	\$ 0
Total	\$ 81,701.69
May 2019	\$ 58,519.84
The following are included in total weekly collections:	
ACH Bank Draft	\$ 3,915.00
WeShare Online Donations	\$ 12,220.00



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◆ ◆ Sacred Heart of Jesus School ◆ ◆

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