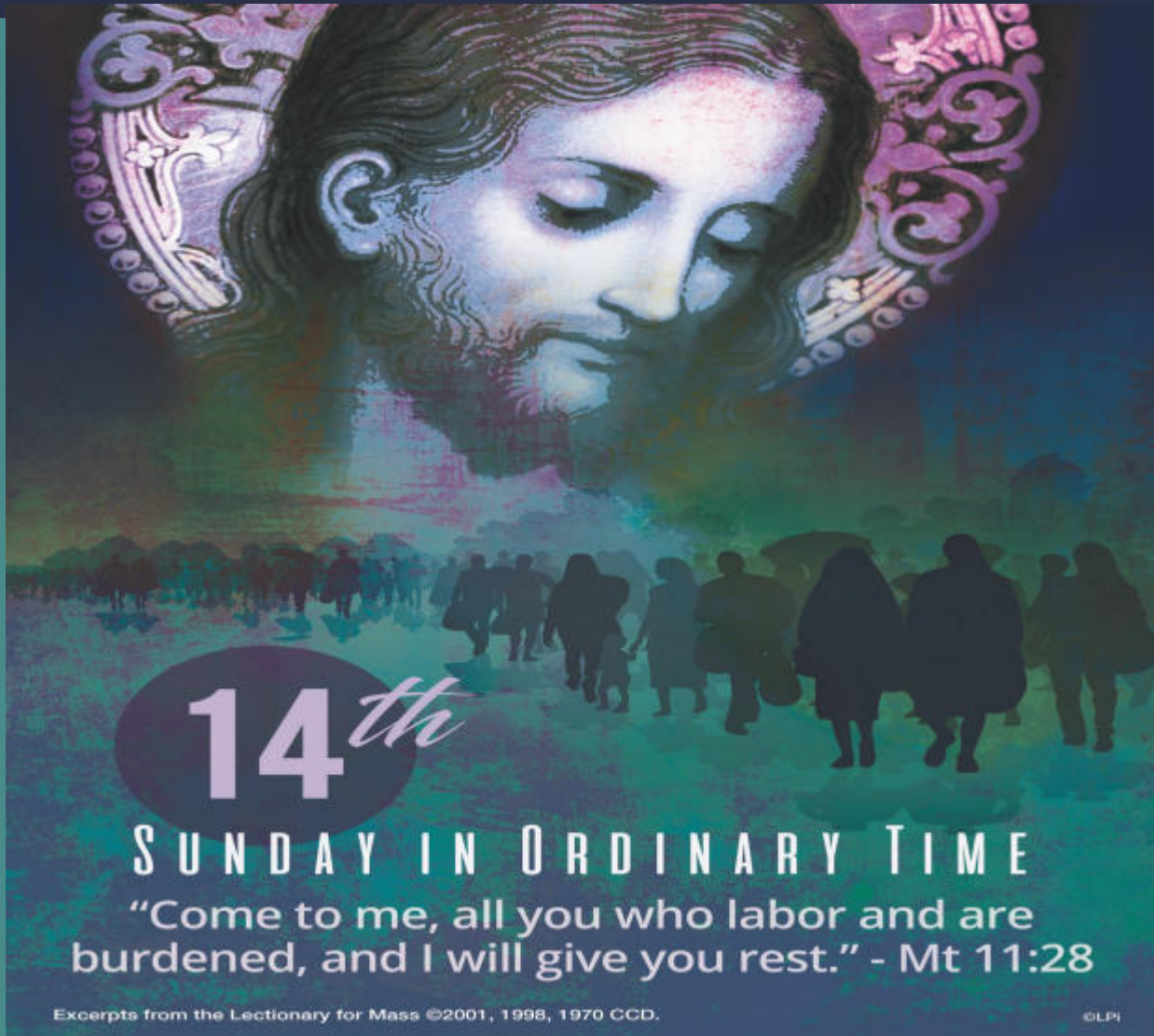




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July 5, 2020*



The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

**Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m.**

In the Chapel

**Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.**

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED

ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR
GROUP GATHERINGS.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE
PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

Readings for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: 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

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt
9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1
-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7
-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt
10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom
8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Observances for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

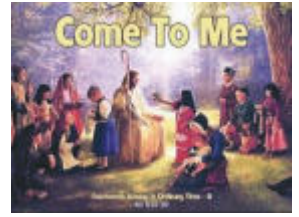
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs

Friday:

Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today our Savior invites us, in today's gospel, "come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). This weekend usually means, for most, a time of rest from our labors. Under normal circumstances, we, as a nation commemorate this Fourth of July Weekend with parades, cookouts and, of course, the requisite fireworks demonstrations. As we celebrate (albeit in limited ways), let us never forget the sacrifice that has gotten us this freedom to do all of this celebrating. We "stand on the shoulders of giants", of all of those brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, for our freedoms and liberties which we enjoy. It is imperative that we never forget this sacrifice, lest we sully their memory.

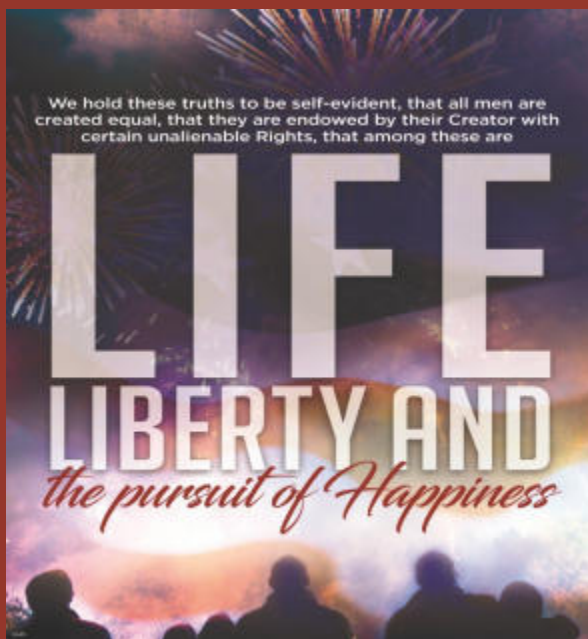
We recognize, as well, that as we rest from our labors, the work of Christian discipleship knows no holiday. We are always Christians, whether at work, at school, at home or on a holiday/seasonal break. Our holiday this past weekend gave us the appropriate time to reflect on what true freedom is all about for the Christian disciple. It is not liberty to do as we please, but to do as we ought in the name of God and, in doing so, honor God with the gift of that service. We come to realize, as we celebrate the gifts of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", that these gifts come from the "giver of all good gifts" – Almighty God.

Life, the first and greatest gifts, is to be afforded to all – the preborn, the mentally and physically challenged, the poor and marginalized, the imprisoned, the elderly and infirmed, and even those actively dying. It is given by God and, as such, is neither ours to bestow or remove. Liberty, the second gift, is that opportunity God gives us to worship Him free of constraints from the world. We are pleased and privileged to have it, and must cherish it always. The Pursuit of Happiness is not the attainment of material goods, but the "storing up in heaven" the gifts that last – peace, justice, truth and love – gifts that have permanence and meaning.

I pray that we used this weekend (as well as subsequent holiday weekends) wisely and well, reflecting on the goodness of God and all of the gifts He has given us. May we pray that God will continue to pour out His Spirit upon us, so that we may seek out these gifts, use them for the betterment of ourselves and our brothers and sisters and always strive for the greater glory of God!

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul





Beginning on July 4th/5th Masses will be as follows:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Ann's)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (St. John's)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann's)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (St. John's)



90-Days Now – For Your Parish is an online **supplemental** offertory giving program started by the laity to help support parishes during the pandemic.

- Phase 1 raised \$450,000 for 236 parishes.
- Phase 2 offers a match gift from a generous anonymous benefactor when the overall campaign reaches \$700,000

Should you choose to join in this effort, or give again to help reach the match, the Archdiocese has created an easy-to-use link to donate at

www.BostonCatholic.org/donate.

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Thank you for your continued support. God bless!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, , Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana DeBenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Dr. Irfan Francis & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

WHILE OUR SUNDAY MASS HAS GONE 'LIVE', THE DISPENSATION FROM COMMUNION IS STILL IN EFFECT. SUNDAY/DAILY MASS IS STILL ON LINE AND CAN BE VIEWED ON:

CATHOLIC TV - CHANNEL 268 IS BROADCASTING DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS
EWTN — CHANNEL 238 is also broadcasting masses.

Fr. Paul is conducting Daily Masses and a Holy Hour/ Rosary on Facebook Live.

FR. PAUL'S FACEBOOK PAGE — Paul Ring
ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PG — St. John the Evangelist—EB

ST ANN'S FACEBOOK PAGE - St. Ann - WB

Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel. Channel 268 (Comcast)

Daily mass airs live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

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Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help. The only requirement to access the Pantry is to be an East Bridgewater Resident. All religions are welcome.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above. **Gift cards are also a great help.**

\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100

Anyone sitting at home bored who would like to help; call the hotline. The Food Pantry could use all the help it can get. Please make sure you have a mask and gloves. They will put you to work and keep you as safe as they can.

The next Food Pantry will be Monday, July 6TH

For those who would like to join the On-line Giving Program for the convenience of their Offertory:

- Go to www.stjohnsb.org
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We recommend setting up an account by selecting "Sign In" at the top. This way we can track donations for your tax purposes. If you prefer a one-time donation without signing in, select "Give Now."

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



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Seeing Beyond Ourselves

After decades of observation, I can honestly say that the United States is a ritually starved culture. We are too easily satisfied with making a sign of the cross or blowing out candles on our birthday cake. True rituals create liminal space (from the Latin word *limen*, meaning threshold). We need them to help us consciously spend time at the thresholds of our lives.

Without some sort of guidance and reframing, we don't understand the necessary ebb and flow of life, the ascents and descents, and the need to embrace our tears as well as our triumphs. Without standing on the threshold for much longer than we're comfortable, we won't be able to see beyond ourselves to the broader and more inclusive world that lies before us. In liminal space, we must leave business as usual and voluntarily enter a world where the rules and expectations are quite different. Wise elders, like the ones I've shared this week, help us to recognize and embrace such spaces.

Sadly, our Christian churches often fail to create such liminal space through authentic ritual. Perhaps that is one of many reasons people are leaving churches in the West. You could even say today that the institutions of Christianity themselves exist in liminal space. Author and pastor Brandan Robertson examines the threshold moment of our current religious institutions:

We are entering a truly liminal space where, for a multitude of reasons, many are leaving the ways they've historically worshiped and entering into uncharted territory. On one hand, this is an exciting time in religious history, as we participate in radical and fundamental reforms of our institutions. On the other hand, this process can cause great anxiety for those of us who have devoted our lives to teaching, practicing, and guiding others in a particular spiritual or religious tradition. . . . What are we to do at such a threshold moment? . . . In moments of transition, we are simply to *be*. We are to pause and acknowledge that a transition is taking place. Instead of seeking to abruptly pass through a threshold, we are to tarry. . . . A new reality is emerging, but we cannot see beyond the threshold. All we know is that we exist in this moment, where everything is in transition. We may experience a new way of being, but we cannot yet sense what it will look like.

Not one of us has a reliable crystal ball. We don't know what lies ahead in this uncertain moment in history. Yet we know we are called into relationship, with our Creator and with each other. It is through liminal space that we may taste—however briefly—experiences of divine union, recognizing the radical oneness we all enjoy with everything—simply by being born.

Further Reflection from Father Mark

We are called to **be** present in this liminal space, and we can be thankful for this opportunity to **be** in liminal space, individually and all of us together. We are called to take advantage of this opportunity to just **be**; not to “do” or to worry or fret or rush, but to flow with the moment, each moment of this experience trusting that our Creator has something new, fresh and life-giving for us on the other side of the threshold. Let the awe of our deepening awareness of the power of the Creator, fill us and the tenderness of the love of our Creator support us as we continue on this journey in liminality.

Be at peace.
Fr. Mark, SVD

“In these times of uncertainty, we are assured that the Lord is present to us at ALL times. During this time, with the practice of public Masses suspended, we can tune in on television/internet and make the following Act of Spiritual Communion while viewing the Mass.”

Peace,

Fr. Paul

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
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