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## Thirteenth Sunday

# *in Ordinary Time*

June 28, 2020

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.

Matthew 10:42



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On first reading, our Gospel seems very harsh. The idea of taking up our cross can be fearful or have negative connotations, as if it were something only a few can do. It is also confusing. Scripture tells us to honor our father and mother, and yet here we are told we must love Jesus more than our parents or children, or we are not worthy. The message that Jesus intends to convey, however, is not to give up these people, but rather to choose Christ first.

Sometimes this means being countercultural. For a family, how do we make choices to keep Christ in the picture? It could mean that when you make plans to take the family to that water park for the weekend, you should also locate the local church so you can attend Mass. Or maybe it means not placing your child on the soccer team with 10 a.m. Sunday games, or rescheduling another part of your life to keep Christ foremost. Perhaps it is something as simple as locking yourself in the bathroom for five minutes so that you have time to pray. Maybe it means listening to an audiobook of scriptures on your commute to work. All we do is for naught if we do not include Christ.

## THERE ARE MANY “CUPS OF WATER”

Don't get caught up in taking this scripture literally. Yes, you may give someone a glass of water, invite the staff of your parish for a meal, hand an apple or a dollar bill to a homeless person, or take a shift in a shelter. But sometimes, what is being asked for is simply a kind word or a helping hand. Seeing an elderly person having trouble and helping them through the crosswalk, calming someone's toddler in the grocery store while they pay their bill. Offer a smile, a compliment, or a word of encouragement. Say hello to a stranger. We do not know who is parched with loneliness or feeling overwhelmed. Look for the Christ in others and respond with simple kindness and hospitality.

Today's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a; Ps 89:2–3, 16–17, 18–19;  
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11; Mt 10:37–42

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Solemnity of Peter and Paul:

# Differing Discipleship Journeys

*On June 29, we celebrate the liturgical feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, who are the founders of the See of Rome through their preaching, ministry, and martyrdom there. The differences in the discipleships of these men are striking. Peter learned slowly and made many mistakes along the way. Paul came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ. Different walks, yet they served as one.*

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**ST. PETER**, who was first known as Simon, was by trade a fisherman. Jesus called him and his brothers to leave all behind to become followers. Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus as Messiah is why Jesus gave him the nickname “rock” and stated it was



**ST. PAUL**, first known as Saul, was a well-educated Jew and a member of the Pharisee party, as well as a citizen of Rome. Saul first appears in the pages of Scripture in Acts 7:58 as being present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the first of

upon the rock of Peter’s faith that the Church would rise (Matthew 16:18). Gospel writers list Peter first when naming the Apostles, yet the writers also show how Peter demonstrates time and again imperfect but growing faith. He denies Jesus’ coming death should ever be allowed to happen (Matthew 16:22), he tells Jesus at the Last Supper He will never wash his feet (John 13:8), and he denies Jesus three times, even after Jesus predicted it (Luke 22:61). St. Peter reveals the difficulties of discipleship yet exemplifies the power of bearing witness.

Jesus’ followers to be put to death because of his faith in Jesus. Saul persecuted the Christians savagely, but he was dramatically and faithfully converted after seeing Jesus in a vision (Acts 9:4). From that time on, Saul, who was now known as Paul, poured the same energy with which he persecuted Christ’s followers into bringing the Gospel to countless people. Paul made many Christian communities during his time traveling throughout the Roman Empire, and his many letters make up the bulk of the New Testament.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- JUNE 27 SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M. **Semon & Phyllis Prado**  
(Danny Prado)
- JUNE 28 SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Joe Curia†**  
(Curia Family)
- 10:00 A.M. **Gordon Family Members Living & Deceased**  
(Carolyn Gordon)
- JUNE 29 MONDAY**  
8:00 A.M. Loretta Saporito  
(Alice Wise)
- JUNE 30 TUESDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Carnie Mae Crow†**  
(James & Diana Barker)
- JULY 1 WEDNESDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Paul & Theresa Baum†**  
(Family)
- JULY 2 THURSDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Semon & Phyllis Prado**  
(Danny Prado)
- JULY 3 FRIDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Judy Patrello†**  
(Patrello Family)
- JULY 4 SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M. **For the People**
- JULY 5 SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**  
(Jim & Maryann McWilliams & Irene Smith)
- 10:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt†**  
(Joan & Wayne Lemasters)

*Daily Mass Intentions will become available beginning July 15.*

## LECTORS

- 7/4 4:00 p.m. **D. Prado**
- 7/5 8:00 a.m. **T. Wise**
- 10:00 a.m. **C. King**

### REV. THAT SON NGOC NGUYEN, PASTOR

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

**REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office.

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Weekends:** Saturday - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR  
PARISHIONERS  
& FRIENDS**



**Prayer Request:** Toni Smith, Deanne Ferraro, Jim Ali, Joseph Grampa, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Theresa Myer, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Jane Klug.

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy.

**Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski, Bertie Gaughenbaugh.

**NEWS FOR MASSES**

- \* Parish council recommends Mass remain in Xavier Hall for now, so there is no need yet to contact us with preferences for church seating. Members note Mass attendance is gradually increasing and believe the hall remains our safest option under current guidelines.
- \* A reminder that we have 10 armchairs for each Mass. Let us know if you need one reserved.
- \* We appreciate all you are doing to help us follow pandemic guidelines. Please keep letting us know how we are doing. We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

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<b>Attendance</b>	<b>133</b>

*Thank you to those who are sending their contributions.*

**GRATITUDE: Aiding Others Brings Reward**

*Remember our Lord's words today. He who takes or gives hospitality and help to a prophet will have the reward of a prophet. He who helps those who are preaching and teaching the message of salvation, the good news of Christ, at home and abroad, will himself share in the reward of these preachers and teachers.*

*When we get to heaven, one of the many pleasant surprises awaiting us will be the gratitude we will receive from saints we've helped to send to heaven, people we never knew or perhaps thought about. We helped those who thought about them and worked for their salvation, and we thus have a share in their reward.*

*Remember Christ's promise: even a cup of water will be rewarded; every little helping hand we give to bring our fellow men to heaven will help us, too, toward the same goal. Heaven is our real goal in life—it alone will satisfy all our desires, and it alone will last forever.*

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

**A HUGE THANK YOU**

to our dedicated pierogi workers, who braved the pandemic to keep freezers well-stocked with our delicious and popular product. You are the BEST, and we appreciate and love you for all you do for our parish community.



**OUR ANNUAL PARISH** picnic planned for August is canceled. This will allow us to stay in keeping with safety guidelines during pandemic.

**PARISH DIRECTORY** photo sessions scheduled for April are postponed until next year. Parish Council agreed it is practical at this time to wait since we can. A replacement date is pending.

**FOR THOSE DONATING** money to our church's Gabriel Project mission, please put your contribution in a marked envelope and drop it with weekly Mass collections. Thank you, and bless you for your ongoing support.

**THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY** in Moundsville is set for July 4 at dusk, around 8:55 p.m., but with pandemic restrictions. Please visit the city's website or download its smartphone application to learn those details. Fairgrounds parking will be open for the display, but grandstand seating will be closed. Also, traffic will be blocked to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street walking trail/baseball complex.

**THE DIOCESE JOYFULLY** celebrates the ordination of The Reverend Father Justin Golna. Father Golna will serve during the summer at the Weirton parishes of Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary. He will then study canon law at Gregorian University in Rome. A native of Washington, Pa., Father Golna is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit and Duquesne universities. His home parish is Our Lady of Peace in Wheeling.

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