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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2024

From the Desk of the Pastor:

During the wind-swept city Bridge-War, a small Korean village came under heavy artillery fire. When the smoke of the battle cleared away, the pastor of the parish sought the help of some American soldiers in restoring to its pedestal a fallen statue of Christ. Since the statue's hands were gone, the soldiers planned to mould two new hands. The pastor, however, came up with a very meaningful suggestion: "Let us leave the statue as it is and write on the front of the pedestal the words, "Friend, lend me your hands." -- Sending apostles as ambassadors to preach the "Good News" and to heal the sick, Jesus, in today' Gospel, reminds us that we are, and only have the gifts of -- working hands to raise the fallen; feet to seek out the lost; ears to listen to the lonely; and a tongue to speak words of sympathy and encouragement to those weighed down by sorrow, pain and failure -- that Jesus may work through us to heal, strengthen, comfort and teach on earth in our day.

The first reading (Am 7:12-15) warns us that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. He was ordered by Amaziah, the angry chief priest serving in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, to take his prophesying back to his own country, the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Amos defended his prophetic role with courage, clarifying that it was not his, but God's choice to elevate him from a shepherd and tree-dresser to a prophet. Like Amos, we are chosen by God, through the mystery of Divine adoption in Jesus, to become missionaries and to preach the "Good News," mainly by Christian witnessing.

In the second reading (Eph 1:3-14), St. Paul explains the blessings that we have received through our Baptism and the responsibility we have to become missionaries. Then Paul reveals the Divine secret that it is God's eternal plan to extend salvation, through Jesus, to all mankind -- first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. Hence, the Jewish and the Gentile Christians need to love, help, and respect one another, and thus, to proclaim Jesus, giving true witness by their lives.

In today's Gospel (Mk 6:1-13), the evangelist tells the story of Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation, and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth the Twelve to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave the apostles for their first mission. They are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They are to preach repentance -- a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life.

Life Messages: # 1) We, too, have a witnessing mission: We are called to be witnessing disciples and evangelizing apostles. As witnessing disciples, we need to follow, imitate, reflect, and radiate only Jesus. As apostles, we need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son, Jesus, proclaiming Jesus' Gospel and promised salvation through our transparent Christian lives and words, radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us. # 2) We also have the liberating mission of helping to free people from the demons of nicotine, alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, promiscuous sex, hatred, jealousy, racial prejudice, and consumerism. We need the help of Jesus to liberate both ourselves and others from these things.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 6:45 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for Lucile Cook, Steve Francis, Natalie Hayes, Mike Jackson, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Adam Elliott, Diana & Al Leonhardi, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Marcela Montenegro, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Amalia Saucillo, Shirley Stenklyff, Manuel Yañez, and Dudley McKamie.

Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 13	5:00 p.m.	Evelyn Burlingame S.I.
Sun Jul 14	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Members of Our Parish Veronica Lake+
Tue Jul 16	12:30 p.m.	Fr. Mario Puluguju+
Thu Jul 18	5:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Fri Jul 19	12:30 p.m.	Becker, Bedard, Tillman and Dyke Families+
Sat Jul 20	5:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory+

Parish Giving

July 7, 2024

1st Collection	\$2,741.00
2nd Collection	\$ 548.00
3rd Collection	\$ 882.46
Children's Collection	\$ 76.00

2nd Collection	July 14	Helpers in Ministry
2nd Collection	July 21	Church in Africa

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 80
10:00 a.m. 132 12:30 p.m. No Count

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Guadalupanos Food Sale This Weekend

The Guadalupanos will be selling brisket plates with rice and beans for \$10.00 a plate this weekend after the 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses. Thank you for your continued support!

Third Collection on First and Third Weekends

Thank you very much for your generous participation in the third collection last weekend toward lawn care. Besides the recurring monthly expense of church lawn care, there are other major expenses coming up some of which are to be taken care of immediately while others within a few months. These expenses include church roof replacement (\$20,000 after insurance claim); removing 2 fallen trees (\$3500 after insurance claim); replacing an A/C unit (\$7,500-8,100 - possibly other units may have to be replaced within the year as they were installed when church was built); installing light fixtures on parking lots poles(\$2,900-\$3,000); replacing the church lawn irrigation controller; and replacing church kneeler cushions. Thanks to everyone for the generous sharing of your blessings for this cause through your participation in the third collections on first & third weekends.

New Knights of Columbus Officers for 2024 – 2025

Effective July 1, 2024, the new officers for our KofC Council at Prince of Peace are: Grand Knight - Lars Gustafson; Deputy Grand Knight - Mike Ray; Chancellor - Neri Gutierrez; Recorder - Mark Curry; Treasurer - David Williams; Advocate - Robert Rosa; Warden - Paul Fillippa; Trustees – Rick Downey, Leo Rossler & Frank Ward; Chaplain - Fr. Luke Kalarickal; Financial Secretary - Mike Witt; Membership Director - Leo Rossler; Program Director - Jerry Jordan; Faith Director - Mark Curry; Family Director - Frank Ward; and Community Director - Charlie Stuetgen. We look forward to serving our parish and community during the next 12 months!

Fall Festival Planning Underway

You are needed to help with the Fall Festival. To ask questions or to get more information, please contact the Festival Facilitator, Jerry Jordan at (281) 725 - 4630.

More Altar Servers Are Needed

If there are children interested in being new Altar Servers, please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.

Faith Formation 2024-2025

The first day of Faith Formation is Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Registration for Faith Formation began in the church office on Monday, July 8. Any new student who has not been baptized at Prince of Peace must submit the child's baptismal certificate upon registration. All students, including students who were in the Faith Formation program last year, must be re-enrolled. The Family Registration Fee is \$20 per family through August 15, along with \$10 per child for materials. After August 15, the family registration will be \$40 along with \$10 per child. Please note: Sunday Mass attendance is mandatory since it is part of their faith formation. Those who fail to attend Mass and are absent from the class more than 25% with no valid reason will have to repeat the year.

Catechists and Catechist Helpers

Faith Formation needs catechists and catechist helpers. Please contact the church office for more information.

Catechist Formation Seminar for the Central Deanery

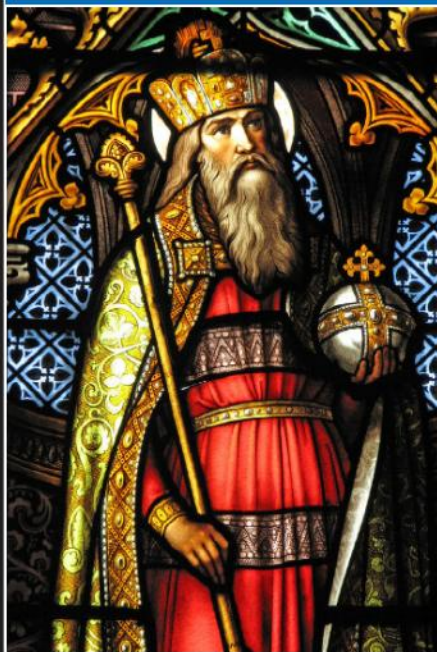
A catechist formation seminar will be held on 8/3/2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. One of the requirements for catechist certification is attendance at a catechist training workshop. Registration is currently open at www.dioceseoftyler.org/events/catechist-training-seminar-tyler/ so please register as soon as possible. If you are thinking about becoming a catechist or helper, you are encouraged to attend, as well.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each week-end Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.



Saint Henry (972 - 1024) demonstrated his love for God through his faithfulness and goodness as he ruled the people of Germany and the other countries in the Holy Roman Empire.

Henry II's father was the Duke of Bavaria and his mother was the daughter of the King of Burgundy. He became the Duke of Bavaria 995, and in 1002 he succeeded Otto III as King of Germany. In 1014, he was crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict VIII.

As a youth, he was educated by St. Wolfgang, Bishop, who instilled in him the principles which governed his life of faith. Henry's faith in God was always strong, as was his devotion to Mary, Mother of God. Gifted with humility and good common sense, he went about the work of a monarch always seeking the greater glory of God. He founded the Cathedral of Bamberg in 1002.

As emperor, his goal was to have peace in Europe. He used his power for the good of the people and for the Church. He crushed rebellions, drove pagan Slavs out of Germany, and was victorious in driving Arab and Greek invaders out of Italy. He helped Pope Benedict VIII quash disturbances in Rome.

St. Henry was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III. He is the patron saint of the childless and those with disabilities. His feast day is July 13.

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