



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4

5p St. Francis Altar Society

7p

Sunday, July 5

8a Richard Toomey (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, July 6

No Mass

Tuesday, July 7

8:30a Frank Solis (D)

Wednesday, July 8

6:30p William "Bill" Poisel (D)

Thursday, July 9

8:30a Pat Cockerill (L)

Friday, July 10

8:30a Gregory DeHotel (D)

Saturday, July 11

5p Richard E. Pillsbury (D)

7p

Sunday, July 12

8a Dana Boone (D)

10:30a People of the Parish



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father.

Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

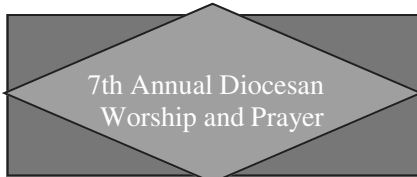
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Mark's Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that he taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in him because they know his origins, not because of any fault with his teaching or ministry. As with many of Mark's passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus' two-fold nature. To reinforce his point, Mark tells of Jesus' return to his native place, and further points out that he is in the midst of his own family members there. From the very people he expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel's writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus' followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of his power, he must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will he? Can he? Does he? Or is he, once again, amazed by its absence? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FE EN JESUCRISTO

El incidente que nos cuenta san Marcos en el Evangelio de hoy se basa en un doble asombro: primero, los vecinos y parientes de Jesús se asombran de verlo enseñar en la sinagoga con tanta sabiduría, y de ver su poder para hacer milagros. Y Jesús, a su vez, se extraña de la incredulidad de aquella gente, que no pone su fe en él, no porque hallen alguna falta en su enseñanza o en su ministerio, sino porque conocen sus orígenes y su familia. Aquí, como en muchos otros incidentes de su Evangelio, Marcos nos deja ver un aspecto bastante íntimo de la parte humana de la doble naturaleza de Jesús. Para reforzar lo que quiere que veamos, Marcos nos cuenta cómo Jesús vuelve a su pueblo, y nos hace notar que está allí entre sus familiares. Y de la gente de quienes más esperaba es que menos recibe. En la época en que estaba escribiendo su Evangelio, san Marcos trataba de enseñar una lección muy importante para la casa de Israel, el Dios de la Alianza esperaba encontrar la fe más intensa en la casa de Israel, pero muchas veces allí fue donde menos la encontró. Y es bueno que reflexionemos sobre esto, nosotros que hoy día somos el Pueblo de Dios. Para que la Sabiduría de Cristo continúe en este mundo, y para que nuestras vidas sean signos de su poder, Jesús espera hallar, y tiene que hallar, una gran fe en nosotros. ¿La hallará? ¿O quedará, una vez más, pasmado de nuestra poca fe? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



"Living Liturgy, All God's People at Work"

Viviendo la Liturgia, todo el pueblo de Dios colaborando"

July 31-August 1

MCM Elegante' Hotel

Friday, July 31 (4-8p)

Visit Exhibits, Workshops, Cash Bar, Dinner, Listen to Keynote Speaker- Fr. Roger Keeler "Living Liturgy, All Gods People at Work", Closing Prayer

Saturday, Aug 1 (8a-4p)

Morning Prayer, Continental Breakfast, Major Address - Dr. Dolores Martinez, Visit Exhibits, Major Address-Cooper Ray, Lunch, Workshops, Open forum, Closing Mass.

The Triduum, The Easter Vigil: How Can We Celebrate to the Fullest. -(Rev Roger Keeler)

Why are Young Adults Leaving the Church? What Can We Do For Them-(Mr. Cooper Ray)

Recognizing and Recruiting Volunteers for Liturgical Ministry-(Mrs Becky Santos)

Catholic Trivia: Vessels, Vestments and More-(August Broussard, Ailene Luistro, Will Robbins)

Parish Hospitality, Welcoming the Entire Body of Christ-(Coquese Williams and Marsha Marshall).

Workshops

La Misa mucho mas que la homilia- Jesus Abrego

La importancia de ser una comunidad hospitalaria- Equipo de mujeres de Nueva Evangelizacion de Cristo Rey

La diversidad de la iglesia de los Estados Unidos- Dr. Dolores Martinez

Los hispanos tambien son llamados a la vida religiosa y al sacerdocio- Armando Guerreos

Mail completed registration form to: (Forms at front of the church)
Office of Worship

7th Annual Diocesan Worship and Prayer Seminar,
P.O Box 3848, Beaumont, Texas 77704-3948

Or fax to :(409)838-4511, attn. 7th Annual Diocesan
Worshop and Prayer Seminar.

Participants to attend at no charge to them for the conference or meals.

**For registration contact Marlet Zelaya at (409)924-4341 or Rosalind Sanchez at (409)924-4321
rsanchez@dioceseofbmt.org**

Sabado, 1 de agosto(8-4p)Sesion en Espanol.

Inscripciones y Desayuno, Oracion de la manana, Sesion B-Presentador Jesus Abrego, Descanso, visitar los puestos, Address- Dr. Dolores Martinez, Descanso, visitar puestos, Almuerzo, Sesion D, Foro abierto, Celebracion Eucaristica.

Workshops

Liturgy of the Hours: The Other Catholic Liturgy-
(Rev. Sinclair Oubre).

Marriage to a Deacon-What a Life-
(Becky Santos and Panel)

The Advent Readings: Speaking with One Voice-
(Dr. Lorraine DeLuca)

Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship: The Assembly and Music-(Dr. Dolores Martinez)

Ministry to the Sick, The Sometimes Forgotten Body of Christ- Rev. Leonard Ogonna, Deacon Willie Posey)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent, which was otherwise devoted to liturgical uniformity, was very tolerant of age old marriage customs. The Council singled out "praiseworthy" customs and hoped they would be retained. The Second Vatican Council likewise asked for a careful evaluation of customs, admitting that not everything about wedding practice is "praiseworthy." In our revised liturgy, all of the prayers consistently stress the equality of the partners. Some familiar customs do not match this insight. Often, the groom remains hidden in a sacristy while the bride, accompanied only by her father, enters with her attendants. This is hardly equality, especially if it appears that her father is "giving her away" to her husband. This is a familiar enough scene, but increasingly couples are called to a different practice. Symbols and signs carry and communicate meaning. The challenge for couples today is to match the meaning to the symbol, and for the couple to be authentic in all they do and say on the day of their wedding. Having bride and groom both take part fully and equally in the entrance procession is exactly the kind of "praiseworthy" practice we've been looking for!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según la carta a los Hebreos 6:1-2 hay seis fundamentos de la fe cristiana. Entre ellos se encuentra la imposición de manos. El evangelista Marcos (6:5) nos relata que Jesús usaba la imposición de manos para sanar a los enfermos. La curación se realizaba mediante sus manos. Los hispanos normalmente somos táctiles, pues reconocemos la importancia de una caricia, de una mano apretando la nuestra, de una palmada en el hombro, y de otros toques de mano. Las manos tienen el poder o la facultad de transmitir sentimientos.

En los Hechos de los Apóstoles 8:17 y 19:6 se nos relata que los fieles recibían el don del Espíritu Santo mediante la imposición de manos. Los apóstoles usaban la imposición de manos para transmitir el Espíritu a los bautizados y para consagrar nuevos líderes al servicio de las comunidades cristianas (obispos o presbíteros). Al momento del Bautismo y de la Confirmación recibimos una imposición de manos de parte del ministro. La imposición de manos que ha venido desde los apóstoles, y desde más atrás, nos relaciona a los cristianos que nos han precedido. Es un gesto de unidad.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Altar flowers for July 4,5
were donated by:

Ruth Erb

In honor of:

June & July Family Birthdays
and

Ellen and Emile Dupre'

In honor of

James Christopher Dupre'

Blessed Mother flowers were
donated by:

Manny and Nene Hababag

In honor of:

Grace

ACTS MEN'S TEAM SIGN UP

Any man in the parish who has attended an ACTS retreat is invited to sign up for the team that will be serving the next St. Francis ACTS Men's retreat scheduled October 29 – November 1. The retreat fee is \$170.00. If interested, please email:

acts.isaiah41.10@gmail.com. Team signups will run until July 13, 2015. Please give us your name and phone number, email address and how many teams worked. Team meetings will be on Monday nights from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. beginning July 27. If you have any questions, please contact:

Bobby Hommel (337) 540-3515

bhommel@allstargm.net

Sidney Badon (409) 718-2852

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Willie Bowman (409) 659-6918



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Registration is underway for the August 20-23 retreat at The Holy Family Center. The cost is \$170, but financial need should not prevent you from registering. Scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit with your registration form holds a place for you. If God is calling you to make this retreat, registration forms are available at the church office. Contact one of the individuals below for more

Information:

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Join us for the College ACTS Retreat! August 13-16, 2015

Registration is now open for all *College Students, including incoming freshmen*, who are interested in attending. The cost of the retreat is \$130. A \$50 registration fee is due with application and the remainder (\$80) will be due at check-in. The retreat is held at Camp Ta-ku-La in Chester, TX and transportation to and from the retreat is provided. If you have any questions, we are happy to answer them! You can contact Kelly delaRosa, Campus Minister Coordinator, at 924.4360, or the College ACTS director, Janna Bartz at 225.3060.

Space is limited so sign up today! *Come join us this summer at the College ACTS retreat for a weekend full of fun with God and friends!*



BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

181 families have pledged
78,110 which is 100% of our goal
from 28% of our parishioners.

Based on our history of
payments we continue to need
additional pledges of \$6,590

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



July 7
9a.m.-6p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Young at Heart will have their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14th. We will meet for 8:30 a.m. Mass and then go to San Damiano Center for Dominos, games and share our favorite salads with one another.



The **YAH garage sale** is Friday July 24 and Saturday July 25. Donations are being accepted in San Damiano Center on July 22,23 from 9 am to 3 pm.



Saturday, July 4
Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Adoration Sign Up
Fortnight for Freedom Rosary 6:15 p

Sunday, July 5
Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sonlight Choir- 6:30 p.m.
Adoration Sign Up

Monday, July 6
No Mass
Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.
Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.
Adoration 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8
Mass 6:30 p.m.
Dementia Support Group 10 a.m.
Women's ACTS 6 :30 p.m.
Pastoral Council 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 9
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Dementia Support Group 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 10
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, July 11
Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 12
Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sonlight Choir-6:30 p.m.

Adventures in Art

For Children
St. Francis Church
July 20-23, 2015



Cindy Claybar
Teacher

Cost- \$60

Children
Session I
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Children
Session II
12:30-3:30 p.m.

Adults
6-9 p.m.

Please register
in the church
office 9-3 pm.

The Knights of Columbus



If you are a practicing Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your local community; it is supporting our church, while enhancing your own faith and protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about. Membership forms are located at the west entrance of the church.

Dementia Support Group

If you are presently giving care to someone with dementia, have a loved one with dementia, have previously been a dementia caregiver, or just curious about dementia care, please join us on Wednesday, July 8 at 10 a.m. or Thurs. July 9 at 6:30 p.m. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the morning and second Thursday of each month in the evening. For more information, contact: Jerry Ehrman 882-9650

Second Collection for Victims of Tropical Storm Bill

Over 800 families in our diocese across six counties of Chambers, Jasper, Liberty, Newton, Polk and Tyler have experienced flooding of their homes and personal property or loss of wages due to work stoppages because of the weather conditions. Due to Tropical Storm Bill and the massive amounts of rainfall that fell in the weeks prior to it. Bishop Guillory is requesting a second collection this weekend for the victims of these floods. which will be distributed to families by-Catholic Charities to provide disaster relief to these families.

Anchor of Faith

Each Tuesday morning at 5:45 all men (bring a friend) are welcome to join the **Men's Faith Share** group in the San Damiano Center.

Women's Faith Share (bring a friend) meets each Tuesday morning at 6:15 in the youth room (enter through side entrance of garden area).

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

June 28,2015

Amount needed each week \$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including building fund) \$ 9305.00
Short Goal- \$ 2568.00

Year to date totals
Amount needed \$605,523.
((\$11,873. x 51fiscal weeks)
Total Sunday collections to date \$ 583,484
Year to date shortage \$22,039



Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to www.stfrancisorangetx.org and click the online Giving link.

St. Francis Book Club

Will meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the church library beginning Aug 20.