


EPIPHANY

July 2, 2023

"Take up my cross."

Thirteenth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time



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WELCOME to Epiphany



This Sunday we hear Jesus tell his disciples to “take up their cross and follow him.” We can’t match his steps or bear the same cross he bore for the sake of the world. We can, however, take up our own cross.

Frederick Buechner, a Christian author, has said that as followers of Jesus we find our calling, our vocation, our purpose in life in the place where our passions and the worlds’ needs cross. Our cross may not be physical or even mental struggling, but our cross will often be the hard work of meeting the world’s needs.

What cross are you already carrying? What are the needs in your world? What passions could you use to meet those needs? Will you take up your cross and follow?



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Jul 02, 2023

Say what you see

Upon winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, Elie Wiesel was named a "messenger to mankind." The *Los Angeles Times* called him the "most important Jew in America." A Holocaust survivor, Wiesel didn't speak of his experiences for 10 years after his liberation from the camps. Eventually he understood the world needed his witness: "We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.... Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe." Tell the truth from where you stand.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42 (97). *"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

Monday, Jul 03, 2023

A twin to us all

Three times in the Gospel of John, the apostle Thomas is also called Didymus. Both names mean "twin"—in Aramaic and Greek respectively. He is referred to in some non-biblical historical texts as "Judas Thomas"—a.k.a. "Judas the Twin." It's likely "the twin" was his nickname and he was known by it among Jews and Greeks. But there's no explanation of whose twin he was. Today, Christians mostly know him as "Doubting Thomas" because he didn't believe Jesus had risen until he saw for himself. While we don't know the identity of Thomas' biological twin, do we resemble him in our disbelief from time to time? Ask Jesus for the grace of faith and the same graciousness he showed to Thomas.

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593). *"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

Tuesday, Jul 04, 2023

Born on the Fourth of July

Born on the Fourth of July is the best-selling memoir of Ron Kovic, Catholic Vietnam vet turned peace activist. On the fourth of July, in 1336, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal was born into eternal life. Like Kovic, Elizabeth threw herself into peacemaking—twice intervening to avert war. Like Kovic, the queen bucked authority: When her husband forbade her from giving royal wealth away to the poor, Elizabeth smuggled contributions out of the castle in her robes. As Americans celebrate our good fortune this day, may the rights enshrined in the Declaration of Independence—"life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"—be tempered by Elizabeth's example: "God made me queen so that I may serve others."

OPTIONAL MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). *"He said to them, 'Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?'"*

Wednesday, Jul 05, 2023

Be an island of justice

On this day in 1868, Rafael Cordero was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, one of three children in a free black family. Throughout his life he was a passionate advocate for equitable education on the island, opening a free school for children in his home—the pupils of which would later include some of the most influential figures in Puerto Rican history. A devout Catholic, Cordero was also known

for his charity to the poor. He also fought for the abolition of slavery in Puerto Rico, which was achieved in 1873. Following his death, his schoolhouse became a historic site, and the archbishop of San Juan opened his cause for canonization. He was declared venerable by Pope Francis in 2013. May his legacy of justice live on in our own works of mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34 (379). *"God was with the boy as he grew up."*

Thursday, Jul 06, 2023

Girl power

Today's saint, Maria Goretti, died a difficult death at age 12 after being stabbed for resisting a rape. She is one of several patron saints of rape survivors. Traditional hagiography about Goretti focuses on her concern for chastity during her resistance, but women who have survived similar ordeals might see saintliness in Goretti's resistance itself. They might reclaim Goretti's story as one of female empowerment, a refusal to be degraded, and a rising above violence when Goretti—on her deathbed—forgave her tormentor. Her act of mercy lives on as a triumph over evil. Saint Maria Goretti, pray for all who have been hurt by sexual violence.

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, YOUTH MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). *"He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"*

Friday, Jul 07, 2023

Make a wish come true

When asked what he wished for his birthday on July 7, 2008, the Beatle's drummer Ringo Starr replied, "Peace and love." That simple wish grew into International Peace and Love Day celebrated around the world and even in outer space when a message of peace and love was sent from the International Space Station in 2020. Of course, wishing doesn't make it so. Start small. A little show of mercy and forgiveness will go a long way toward creating a world of peace and love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). *"Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

Saturday, Jul 08, 2023

New wine for modern minds

Do you know anybody who sews patches on an old coat or drinks wine out of a wineskin? And that's exactly the point of the Lord's teaching. It is the work of preachers, teachers, and translators to rearticulate the ancient truths of Christianity in terms that 21st-century learners can understand. Otherwise, much of the language and images of the ancient texts just keeps getting recycled. Pray for the preachers and teachers who have positively influenced you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). *"People do not put new wine into old wineskins."*

Meeting God in the Dark

The Spiritual Possibilities of Movies

"ENGAGING AND
HEARTBREAKING"
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JUL 2 - JUL 9

EVENTS



11:00am Family Mass
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena
7:00pm Meeting God in the Dark



Independence Day
Office Closed, No Masses
No Connect Group



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



4:00pm Vigil Mass
5:00pm Filipino Reception honoring Jose Ramos



11:00am Family Mass
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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	COLLECTIONS vs EXPENSES	
	Jun 2021 - May 2023	Jun 2019 - May 2020
collections*	\$574,153	\$798,325
expenses	946,064	870,382

*Collections are our lifeblood, but not our only source of revenue (ex: bequests & one-time gifts). Details are provided in our annual financial report which we issue every fall.

Sat/Sun, July 15-16 The Corona Self-Help center will speak at all Masses.

Dear Families,
The weekend of June 15-16, the Corona Self-Help Center will visit Epiphany to present a brief testimony and raise funds by offering religious t-shirts for sale. We are a not for profit mutual aid association. Our mission is to help individuals suffering with drug addiction by offering them our services free of charge. Our services are made possible through the help and support of the communities where we present our message of life & prevention.

BUILDING OUR MISSION TO THE MISSIONS July 8 - 9 - Second Collection

Help the Catholic Church provide desperately needed pastoral, educational, and spiritual assistance to the most needy communities in the US, including annual grants to parishes in Harlem & the Bronx.

Enrich Parish Life | Enhance Catechesis
Encourage Vocations | Empower Evangelization
Educate Young Catholics

MASSES
Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1

4:00pm the intentions of Mary O'Connor

Sunday, July 2

11:00am Eustaquia Bolante

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, July 3 *Feast of St. Thomas*

12:10pm Robert Fougner

Tuesday, July 4 *Independence Day*

12:10pm NO MASSES TODAY

Wednesday, July 5

12:10pm Bessie Anderson

Thursday, July 6

12:10pm Napoleon Luna

Friday, July 7

12:10pm Cirilo & Fernanda Garcia

Saturday, July 8

4:00pm Marie & Eugene Frein

Sunday, July 9

11:00am Robert Adams

7:30pm Mary Ann Sondag

Monday, July 10

12:10pm J. Courtney McGroarty, Jr.

Tuesday, July 11 *Memorial of Saint Benedict*

12:10pm Helen P. Brown & the Brown family

Sanctuary Lamp

July 2-8

Robert S. & Joan E. Fougner

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faithful departed, rest in peace.**

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