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June 26, 2022

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday June 25		
Confession Available at 4:00 pm		
Mass	5:00 pm	Dick and Leanne Spence
Sunday June 26		
Mass	8:30 am	Sheri Schultz and Jennifer Dignan
Mass	10:30 am	David Nibler
Monday June 27		
Mass	9:30 am	Bill and Vicki Croman and Hem Hemacandra
Tuesday June 28		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday June 29		
NO MASS today		
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm		
Thursday June 30		
NO MASS today		
Circle of Caring 10 am		
Friday July 1		
Mass	9:30 am	H Joan Suther

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Pat Scott, Rhoda Degiovanni, Ethel Piercynski, Frank Imbrie, Lucy and Mike Davis and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for Dick Scott, Katherine Hunt-Clough, Ed Sherman, Virgie Davis, Diane Chase, Frank Guccione and all those who have died recently and for those who have asked for our prayers.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Dorothy Giacchero, Michelle Vinciguerra, Sherri Schultz, Jennifer Dignan, David Nibler, and Hem Hemachandra. Happy Anniversary to Bill and Vicki Croman and Dick and Leanne Spence.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

HANDS TO THE PLOUGH

Today's readings are about God's call and man's commitment in answer to that call. They ask one for total commitment made in total freedom with the spirit of patient love, — that is, to say an unconditional "Yes" to Jesus and to the Christian life, as a true disciple of Christ.

Sometimes we wonder if Jesus was trying to discourage people from following him, he was so blunt in spelling out what it would cost. Yet 'Follow me' is an invitation frequently repeated in the Gospel, and it echoes in the hearts of every generation.

Jesus calls various people to share in his life and in his interests. Discipleship and loyalty to his mission go hand in hand. And this mission needed to be carried out in the right spirit, not as dominating people but as serving them. James and John were eager but they wanted to do things their way; so, Jesus sharply rebuked them. A fire and brimstone approach even towards opponents, was unacceptable. Jesus came as a Savior not as the leader of a punishment squad. We need the guidance of Jesus to help us to clarify and to refine our understanding of discipleship.

Disciples need to break free from false forms of security. The apostles left behind their established lifestyle in order to be with Jesus. At an earlier time, Elisha left aside his security as a farmer in order to serve with Elijah the prophet. "Yes, I will follow you, sir, but first let me..." Have those words a familiar ring to us? So, they resemble our own first response to God's call? *I will follow you but on my own terms. I will follow you, if the cost is not too high.*

In today's Gospel, several people wanted to follow Jesus, but found the conditions too strict. The project of spreading the kingdom of God was noble and urgent. Instead of trying to haggle with Jesus over the conditions, they could have gone with him immediately. Ideally our own 'Yes' to God should be total, like our Blessed Mother's. If we do this, it can bring us that spiritual joy which St Paul calls the "pledge," or first instalment of eternal life.

SOME TAKEAWAYS

(1) Personal commitment to Jesus, putting him first in our life. Making his values part of our lifestyle. The nobility of Jesus' values gives real joy. Following him requires a decision, but is supremely worthwhile.

(2) "Through love become servants to one another." This is living with the true freedom for which Christ has set us free.

(3) Persevering with Jesus; keeping our hands firmly on the plough, and not looking back. To do so we need to be "led by the Spirit. May God bless us always .. Amen

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SISTER IMMACULATE: We are so happy to have Sister here with us this weekend. We will all have an opportunity to talk and visit with her in the Parish Hall after all three Masses. On Saturday we will have finger foods and wine and on Sunday coffee and pastries. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship and fun as we welcome Sister Immaculate.

CONGRATULATIONS: The winners of the beautiful quilts that were raffled off last weekend are Steve Bloom and Doris Matthews. Thank you to everyone who supported and purchased tickets. As you may have noticed, we have one more Quilt in the vestibule – if red is your favorite color, you will want lots of tickets for this one.

TODAY'S PETER PENCE COLLECTION is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST: Senior Meals is holding one of their famous french toast breakfast fundraisers. Plan on joining them this Saturday, July 2nd, for a wonderful breakfast treat. They will be serving between 8am and Noon.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL: St. Ignatius Parish in Portland is now accepting applications for exhibitors and food vendors for their Renaissance Festival that will be held on Saturday, November 12th. For application forms and questions, contact Nancy at 503-481-4587 or email her at nancyocks@yahoo.com

PRIEST RETREAT: Father Akuti will be attending the Priest Retreat at Mount Angel this week. There will be no Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.