

DATE	MASSES	EVENTS
Saturday July 4th <i>Independence Day</i>	8AM Fr. Matt & Patricia Strickenberger <i>Requested by Christina Reitz</i>	7:30AM—Confessions 3:00PM—Confessions
	4PM All veterans and those currently serving in the U.S. military <i>Requested by Fr. Bond</i>	Happy Independence Day!
Sunday July 5th 14th Sunday In Ordinary Time	8AM †All deceased members of the U.S. military <i>Requested by Fr. Bond</i>	9:00AM—Confessions
	10AM Pro Populo	
Monday July 6th	No Mass Today	
Tuesday July 7th Tuesday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time	8AM +Joe Plazerine <i>Requested by Jan Plazerine</i>	7:30AM—Confessions
Wednesday July 8th Wednesday of the 14th Week In Ordinary Time	8AM +Blanche Nolder <i>Requested by Christina Reitz</i>	7:30AM—Confessions
Thursday July 9th Optional Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions	8AM +Lois Schuckers <i>Requested by Christina Reitz</i>	7:30AM—Confessions
Friday July 10th Friday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time	8AM Virginia McMahan <i>Requested by Fr. Bond</i>	7:30AM—Confessions
Saturday July 11th Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot	8AM Pro Pupulo	7:30AM—Confessions 3:00PM—Confessions
	4PM Pro Populo	
Sunday July 12th 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time	8AM Pro Puplo	9:00AM—Confessions
	10AM Pro Puplo	

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.



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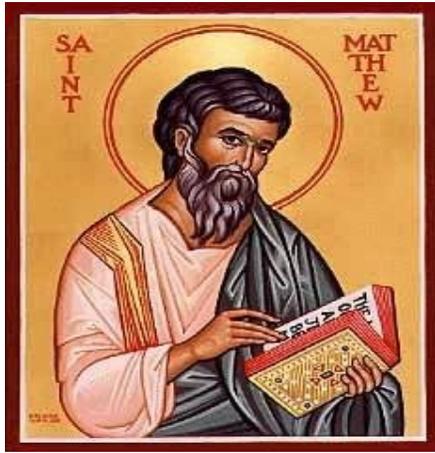
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5th, 2020 anno Domini

MASS SCHEDULE	MISSION STATEMENT
Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM (seasonal) 10:00 AM	To grow in the love of the Lord, follow the teachings of the Church, & serve one another and the community.
Monday: No Mass Today Tuesday—Saturday: 8:00 AM 1st Friday of the Month: 4:00 PM Holy Day of Obligation: Check website Snow Days: Check website	CLERGY & STAFF Rev. Christopher Bond Pastor Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin Deacon (seasonal) Mrs. Leslie McCausland Secretary Ms. Nicki Conroy Faith Formation Mrs. Bernice Smathers Choir Director Ms. Faith Garner Organist
Refer to back page for possible changes	
CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM, Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all Daily Masses, or by appointment SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS: Contact office	OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 AM—4:00 PM Friday—Monday: Closed

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The First Reading comes to us from the Book of Zechariah from the Old Testament. The name Zechariah alone gives us an indication of his significance; Zechariah means "remembered of the Lord." Historians and scripture scholars believe that Zechariah was among the captives who returned from Babylon around 585 B.C. Considered one of the minor prophets, his writings are filled with predictions (prophecies) relating to Christ and His Kingdom.



Today's reading certainly gives us the same picture of Jesus entering Jerusalem we hear during the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. "Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt."

How many times have we seen that image and heard the shouts of 'Hosanna'? Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was triumphal in every way, but perhaps not in the ways to which people were accustomed. When Julius Caesar returned in victory from Gaul, the parade lasted three days. Clearly Jesus' entrance would be (and was) much more humble, and it would be clear (and should have been with a proper reading of this prophecy) that Jesus was a different kind of King. Jesus is a spiritual leader and king. St. Paul emphasizes that in the Second Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul says, "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." Because we are here in the flesh, we sometimes lose sight of this spiritual aspect of our lives. Because Jesus lives in us, because the Spirit is within us, Paul maintains that our body (the flesh) is dead, but the Spirit lives and reigns. We live out the Lord's salvation through His resurrection.

When we were imbued with the Spirit, the body had to die. That is most easily understood in terms of conversion. We know what conversion means, but we may not dwell on it as much as we might. Conversion, for example, is at the heart of the idea of stewardship. For us as Catholics conversion is not a one-time occurrence; it is something that should happen every day, perhaps even more than once a day.

Paul explains to the Romans, and to us, that not only are we saved by the work of Spirit, but we also must accept the Spirit and walk by it if we wish to grow in holiness (ongoing conversion). He is saying that "...if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." Jesus is our spiritual king. The Lord and the Spirit are the key to everlasting life for us.

In the introduction we made reference to Jesus' words in the Gospel, but He had more to say. The full reading is, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Jesus does not say that we can merely hand our burdens to Him. He does assure us that He will share them with us. We are called to discipleship, and part of that is a willingness to learn, and to follow. Jesus had the heart of a servant, and we are called to seek a similar role. Sharing our burdens with the Lord is a gift offered to us, and it will be indeed rest for our souls. What makes the burden light or lighter is the fact that Jesus bears it with us, but we must be willing to offer it to Him and accept His help.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The seasonally scheduled 8AM Sunday Mass has officially been reinstated. Even if this is not your preferred time to come to church, I hope many of you consider attending this Mass—especially if you have been a little uncomfortable with the crowds at the 10AM Mass these past few weeks. It is my hope there will exist a natural distribution of congregants across the three Sunday liturgies so as to allow for proper social distancing.

LIVE MASS STREAMING CHANGE

Due to a schedule conflict the Live Mass Streaming will take place during the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM instead of the usual Sunday 10:00 AM. The dates are as follows: Saturday July 11th & Saturday July 18th

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS

The long-awaited Saint Joseph Prayer Books are finally here! These beautiful little books have been published by TAN Books specifically for the Diocese of Charlotte during this extraordinary Year of St. Joseph. They include a personal foreword by His Excellency, Bishop Jugis. They contain an assortment of various prayers and devotions dedicated to St. Joseph (including the perpetual devotions we are praying together at the end of all daily Masses this year).

I am pleased to offer these prayers to the parish free of charge. However, donations are certainly appreciated to help offset the cost of \$4 per book. Donations may be placed in the money slot attached to the display containing Lighthouse Catholic Media and other devotionals. This is also where you can find the prayer books. We have a very limited supply, so please grab one before they're all gone! Limit one per household.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerakaris, Dick Hamel, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Jess, Ketchum, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Betty Metzger, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, S. Mullen, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Jerry Rogers, Marie S., Sue Quick, Christina Reitz, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Pvt. Luke Turner, Olivia Triollo, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington.

Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.

OFFERINGS

Offeritory	Preservation & Improvement	Votive
\$2705	\$444	\$13

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2020

Assessment/Goal	Amount Paid	Pledges Outstanding	Over
\$22,000	\$14,947.12	\$7,484.20	\$431

**Diocesan ledger does not always reflect recent contributions*