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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.— *Galatians 6:14*

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalms — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus sends out the seventy-two

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: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

THE VOICE OF THE LORD

What is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us?

Church council meeting after Mass
on Wednesday July 10th

GOD'S SHADOW

Love is God's shadow in our universe.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

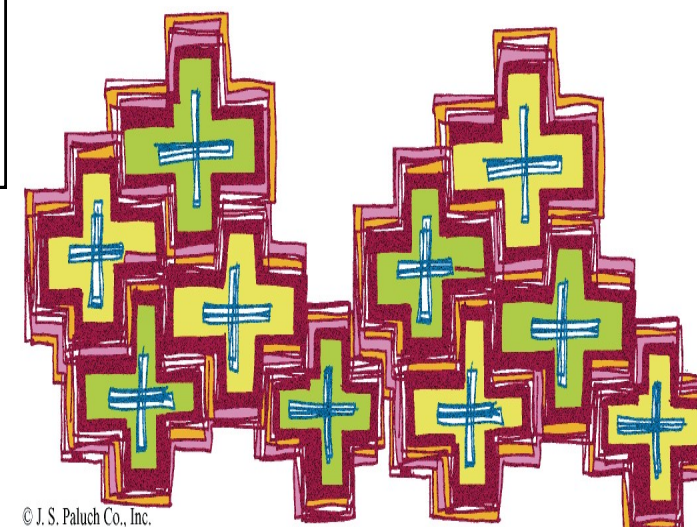
Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and
Companions

Thursday: St. Benedict

Saturday: St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary

LOVE AND TRUST

Little love; little trust.



September 22nd Bishop David Talley will be saying Mass here at St Regina. We will have a reception after Mass

July 14th

Lector Peggy

E/M Jim/Tom

USHERS Peach/Marina

Server Jesus

Offertory 7./7/2019

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