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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”
— *Luke 9:62*

RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings describe anything but an ordinary time. They are disturbing and they leave us disturbed. The Old Testament reading recounts a young man's radical break with the past to follow a new path. The Gospel describes how life as we know it is abruptly changed if we follow the call of Christ. The psalm and Paul assure us that such life-altering change is possible only because of the power of God's love. We are presented with a stark choice. To love as God loves, we must leave our old lives behind. We must leave behind not just the bad, the selfish, and the evil but the ordinary, our daily work, and the important, our families, our lives. Loving as God loves requires a radical transformation, not a smooth transition.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Processions are life's journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain.

Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge *botafumero* twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — Go and proclaim the kingdom of God

(Luke 9:51-62).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or,
for Independence Day, any readings from
the Mass “For the Country or a City,”
nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,”
nos. 887-891

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

VIRTUE

It is certainly true that a popular government cannot flourish with- out virtue

Wednesday July the third
there is not going to be a
Mass at St. Regina

Next Sunday July 7th is the monthly lunch .The main dish is fried chicken . Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert .Share your time and fellowship with everyone .

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Junípero Serra; Canada Day

Wednesday: St. Thomas

Thursday: Independence Day

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;
St. Anthony Zaccaria; First Friday

Saturday: St. Maria Goretti; Blessed Virgin Mary;
First Saturday

FANTASY

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

Bishop Talley will be visiting
St.Regina on the 22nd of September
More news about his visit will be in
the bulletin as the plans are made .



The office will be closed Thursday July 4th

July 7th
Lector Maurisio
E/M Florencia/Anita
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Server Francisco

OFFERTORY

6/23/2019
BUDGET \$1249.00
ACTUAL \$670.00
\$-579.00