

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.

### NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or “strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Little Mysteries

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, “little mysteries”—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ’s divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action.



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### Remember In Prayer

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

**Psalms** — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

**Second Reading** — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**Gospel** — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6a).

#### Reading 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: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14;

Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have over-eaten, but it is patriotism.”

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Independence Day

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti

Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

#### WAITING

Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant

The church office will be closed on Monday July 5th



July 11th  
Lector Melissa

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

June 20th

BUDGET \$1351.00

**\$763 .00**

**Peter Pence**

**\$20.00**