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VBS MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH AFTER MASS . ALL TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND

Vacation bible school July 17th thru 21st. 4pm-6pm grade: pre K4-5th

Remember In Prayer

Fr Robert Ponticello , Martha Jo , Kaylee Bowling , Joy Williams , Krystal Wadley James Ferebee , Michaelle Box

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AN APPROACHABLE GOD

Many years ago, there was a very popular Christian poster that did nothing but list names for God from the scriptures. While it included powerful names like “Lion of Judah” and “Wonderful Counselor,” as a whole it was a sharp contrast to the simple and beautiful images present in our scriptures today. The prophet Zechariah prefigures the Christ coming in meekly and mildly on an ass—the vision we might have of Palm Sunday. In Romans Saint Paul reveals to us our truer selves, calling us to embrace the Spirit of Christ, put aside our fleshly beings, and live more fully in Christ. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus bypasses the learned, and God reveals things to the childlike. We are presented with a simple, straightforward approach to God, and to finding God.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Second Vatican Council—Not “Out of Nowhere”

Prior to the convening of the Second Vatican Council, there had long been trends in the Catholic world that advocated for reform. For example, the liturgical movement had started at the beginning of the twentieth century and had spread from the monasteries across Europe and into the universities and even dioceses and parishes in the United States. The latest of several international liturgical conferences preceding Vatican II had received high praise from Pope Pius XII in 1956. The biblical movement had started even earlier and also garnered worldwide support. The pastoral and scholarly contributions of these global movements to the preparatory commission for the liturgy document led to its acceptance by the Council fathers as the first topic to be addressed by the Council. Two additional twentieth-century movements deserve mention: the ecumenical movement, which influenced several of the later Vatican II documents, and the “new theology” movement, which included the idea of *ressourcement* (going back to the original sources like the Bible and the Church Fathers). Adherents of this latter movement had encountered strong resistance from Church authorities but by 1960 were gaining influence. So while the timing of Vatican II may have been a surprise, it had strong roots in the history and life of the Church.

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalms — My God and King, I will bless you forever (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also

(Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;

Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe

that you are one God

in three divine persons,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son

became man and died for our sins,

and that he will come

to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths

which the holy catholic Church teaches,

because in revealing them

you can neither deceive nor be deceived.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Benedict

Thursday: St. Henry

Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Saturday: St. Bonaventure

JULY 2ND

LECTOR MARY

SERVERS LESLIE & MAX

COUNTERS MARY C. & ANN F.

JULY 9TH

LECTOR ANN F

SERVERS CARLOS & MARINA

COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY

JULY 16TH

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & MARINA

COUNTERS MARY C. & ANN F.

JULY 23RD

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS BRYAN & JESUS

COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY

JULY 30TH

LECTOR JEFF

SERVERS CARLOS & MARINA

COUNTER MARY & ANN F.

DESPERATION

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

July 2nd 2023
Sunday Collection
\$1095. 00
B&M
\$495.00
Peter Pence
\$10.00