

PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy. We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below. The remainder will be introduced gradually.

1. Masks: ***Fully Vaccinated.*** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.
Unvaccinated. From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

God's blessings upon you all.

Father Gerry

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***For those who did not get an opportunity to see the inside of the New Worship Area, after Mass today Don Delagrangé will lead a tour of the space.**

***Will more artifacts be made available for Memorialization?**

The memorials team has identified some additional items which will be offered shortly.

***When can we expect to return to full normalcy in all aspects of church life and celebration?** *Probably not till after Summer.*

Specifically, we expect to reinstitute the collection counters' ministry on 1 September with a training session in August. We have not decided on when to distribute a paper bulletin and are considering alternatives which will rely primarily on electronic distribution of same.

Another consideration is our method of taking up the collections. Our old practice of passing the baskets between individuals may not be feasible any longer, and our present system is only interim.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021 Year B

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

Today's readings remind us of our Divine adoption as God's children and of our call to preach the Good News of Jesus by bearing witness to God's love, mercy, and salvation, as revealed through Jesus: "*God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.*" St. tells us in the second reading of today.

The first reading from the book of the Prophet Amos, warns us that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. He was ordered by Amaziah, the angry chief priest serving in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, to take his prophesying back to his own country, the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Amos defended his prophetic role with courage, clarifying that it was not his, but God's choice to elevate him from a shepherd and tree-dresser to a prophet. Like Amos, we are chosen by God, through the mystery of Divine adoption in Jesus, to become disciples and to preach the Good News revealed through Jesus Christ.

In the second reading, St. Paul explains the blessings that we have received through our Baptism and the responsibility we have to become witnesses who spread the teachings of the Gospel. Then Paul reveals the Divine secret that it is God's eternal plan to extend salvation, through Jesus, to all mankind — first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. Hence, the Jews and Gentiles and all Christians wherever they come from, need to love, help, and respect one another, and thus, proclaiming Jesus, by giving true witness through their lives.

In today's Gospel, Mark the evangelist tells the story of Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation, and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth the Twelve to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave the apostles for their first mission. They are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They are to preach repentance, a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life.

We, too, have a witnessing mission: We are called to be witnessing disciples and evangelizing apostles. As witnessing disciples, we need to follow, imitate, reflect, and radiate Jesus to others. As apostles, we need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son Jesus. We are called to proclaim Jesus' Gospel which promised salvation by our transparent Christian lives and words, radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us. We also have the liberating mission of helping to free people from the demons which hold them back or hold them down. Such as: hatred, jealousy, racial prejudice, injustice, poverty, hunger, and all those things which diminishes the dignity of a human being. We need the help of Jesus to liberate both ourselves and others from these things. Like Amos in the first reading, and like the Apostles in the Gospel, we need to be ready to accept God's call to go to his people and bring them His saving message.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm:

*Lord, let us see your
kindness, and grant us your
salvation.*

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel:

Mark 6:7-13

MUSIC

Entrance: God Has Chosen Me #384

Responsorial: page 187

Offertory: The Summons #384

Communion: Bread For The World #341

Meditation: Precious Lord, Take My Hand #663

Recessional: City Of God #385

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Community Leader: John McCormack

Altar Server: Steve Forte

Cantor: Cindy Powers

Eucharist Minister: Donna Brandl

Lectors: Eileen O'Brien/John Weidner

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Beryl O'Connor, Julian Alter, Lee Paul,
Jenny Johnson Ramey & Margaret Webb*



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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: July 4, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,681
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 2,681
Total Budget Projection: \$ 2,706



There is no second collection today.
We did not sign any principal checks this week:

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY



2nd, Kathy Kauffman, 4th-Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus,
6th-Colinm Walsh, 9th-John Charbeneau, 11th-Brendan O'Brien, 13th-Tessa Stowell,
15th-John Weidner & Serena Beckett, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina,
20th-Bettie Hodge & Andrew Bury, 21st-Kathy Swinehart, 24th-Laurie Mears,
27th-Ingrid Borden & Jo Brown, 29th-Christine Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris.

ANNIVERSARY'S FOR JULY

7th-Bill & Georgia Campbell, 16th-Tom & Bea Foley



Reconciliation room

Sheet rock done and the trimming has begun. The church proper is coming together.
The brick is almost done on both sides. The front and back are all that's left to finish.

The SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance, and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said,

'GOD BLESS YOU'

And he walked off the stage...

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

This is a true story which has been "tweaked" a bit but you get the message!



Excited and Blessed!

Fourth of July 2021

Reprinted from last week by popular demand.

This year's Fourth of July will be very memorable, yes, we are still dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, but unlike last year, when all our public celebrations were much different – no big gatherings, parades cancelled, fireworks muted-we will probably celebrate in a more relaxed manner. With families and friends coming together after a long time, it will be a 'real independence'.

Independence is the most precious present one can enjoy, so I ask each of you to reflect on what exactly independence means. The Freedom, the Liberty, the Rights we all enjoy cannot be bought by money; they are God given, and it is our responsibility to defend them. So, before we celebrate Independence Day, we should be grateful to our loving God and to those who gave their lives to defend our freedoms and liberties and those who continue to do so in service to our nation.

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that our citizenry came together to try to form a more perfect union. We know we are far from being Perfect, Divisions still exist, mistrust of each other grows, and some instances of injustice may still exist. But that does not mean we should give up trying to be more perfect as individuals, as Christians, as citizens and as a nation. Encouraged by the goodness we witness every day in the lives of so many, we should express our hope that any failures of our past do not define us as individuals, as a community or as a nation, and that we can strive to achieve greater equality and justice.

So, this Fourth of July, let us thank God for the blessings we have received, and ask for the courage we need as followers of Christ and as faithful citizens to ensure that all God's children are treated with the dignity that is their due and are given their equal opportunity to seek out life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Let each one of us make a promise to ourselves that as long as we live, by our actions we will help America grow into a better and stronger Nation with each passing day.

Happy and Blessed Fourth of July

Fr. Gerry



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Remaining Memorials for now:

Pews and Choir
Chairs \$250

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the *Lord*, plans to *prosper* you, and not to *harm* you, plans to give you *hope* and a *future*.

Jeremiah 29:11

THANKS

With livestreaming ending, for the time being, it's appropriate to thank Mike Dreelin and the fifteen month commitment he made to this essential function of our Liturgy during the pandemic.

Week after week he provided the necessary technical expertise, upgraded the system and chose the melodious music that so beautifully enhanced the Liturgy. Likewise, during this period, Andrea manned the office computer monitoring the system output, adding comments when necessary, and assisting the viewers. They proved to be a competent team for which we are eternally grateful. For you information our New Worship Area will have a built-in capability for live streaming if we need to do so again. Fr. Gerry

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Everyone, during their lifetime, accumulates "things." Personal property such as vehicles, jewelry, real estate, and savings or other financial accounts all make up the "stuff" we gather during our lifetimes.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

But what happens to those things at our deaths? Who decides where these things go? You can, if you act to create a will or other trust document. This allows you to distribute your assets to the people and causes you select; otherwise the legal system will determine the distribution-at cost.

Through your will, you can designate a gift to our church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.